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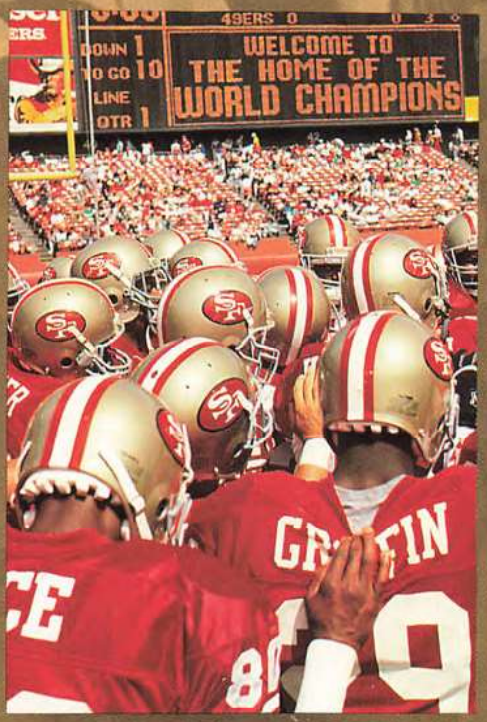

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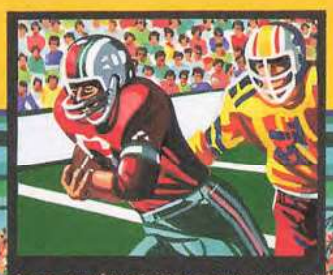

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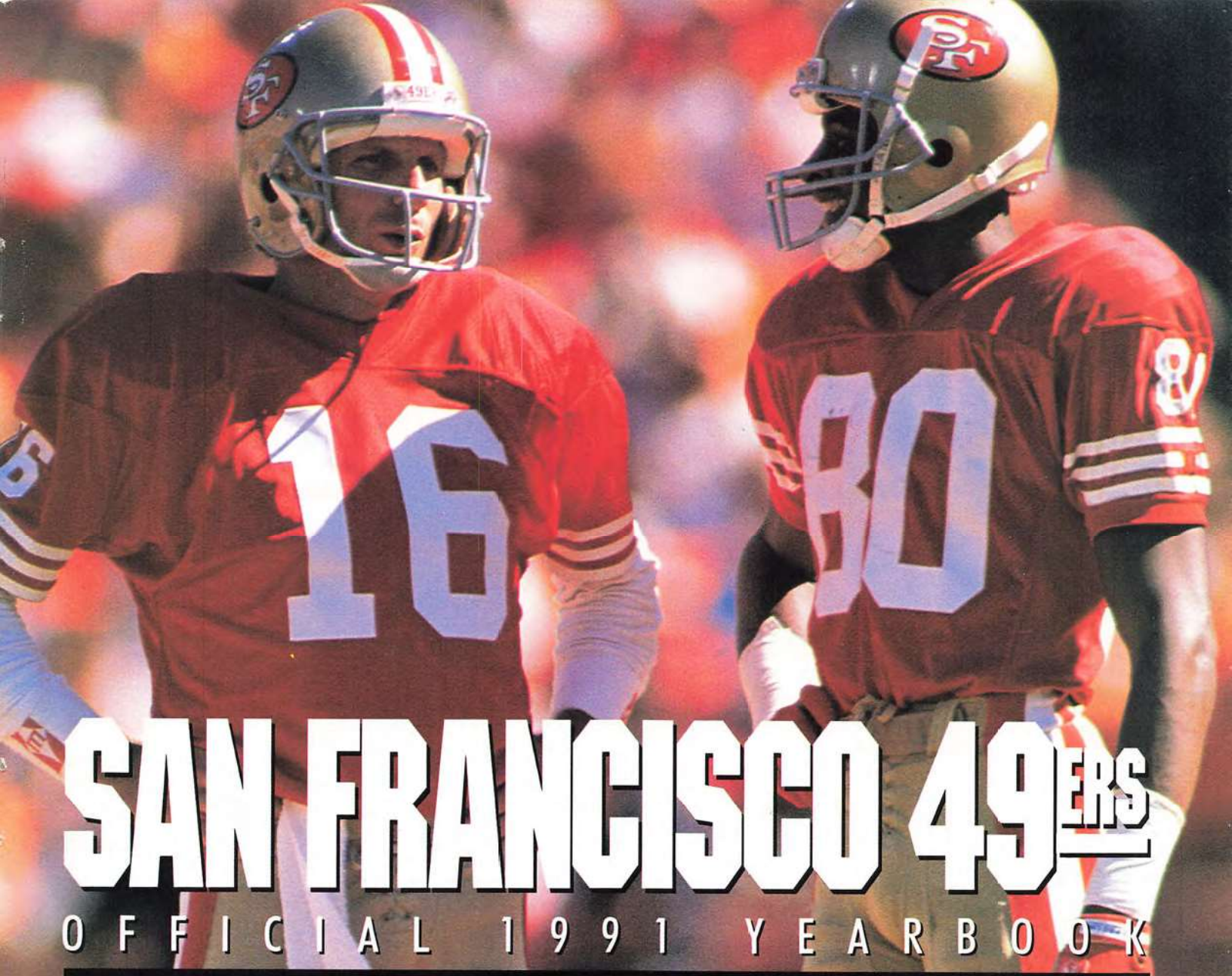

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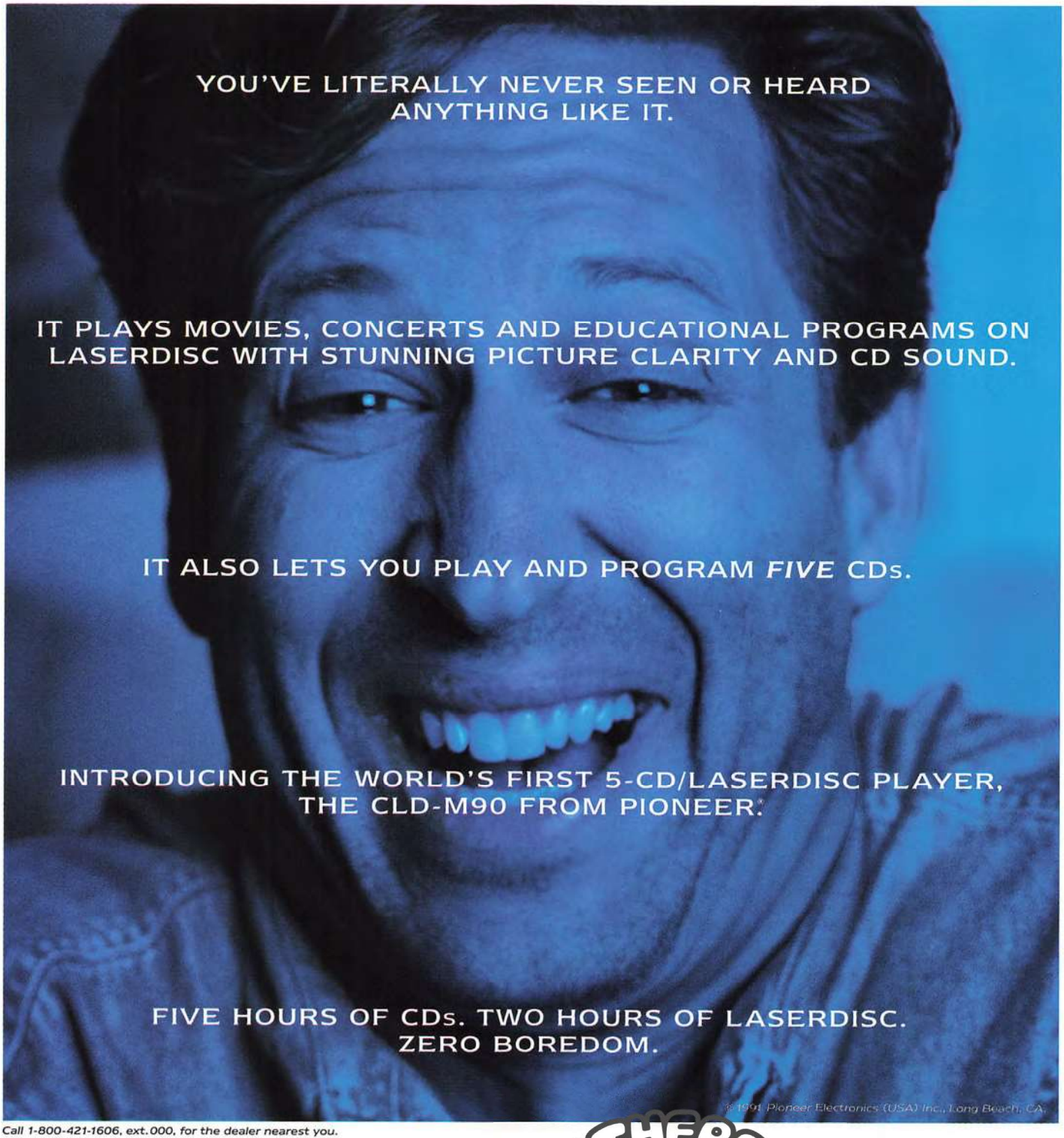
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49ER PROFILE

EDWARD J. DeBARTOLO, JR.

Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr., one of the most respected and successful owners in league history, brings to a close his first decade-and-a-half (15 seasons) at the helm of the San Francisco 49ers in 1991.

DeBartolo purchased a struggling franchise in 1977, and molded it into "The Team of the '80s." and a perennial playoff contender.

For his efforts, DeBartolo was named the 1989 NFL Man-of-the-Year by *Football News*, and has four Super Bowl trophies in the lobby of his team's state-of-the-art Santa Clara facility.

A former member of the NFL's realignment/expansion committee and a current member of the new expansion committee, Eddie obviously is also recognized from within as one of the League's top executives.

During the past 10 seasons (1981-1990), the Niners won 126 games (counting postseason) — an average of nearly 13 victories a year, and reached the playoffs nine times, including the last eight consecutive seasons.

Since DeBartolo's purchase in '77, the team has won eight division titles, four conference trophies, and four world championships ... capturing NFC West crowns in 1981, '83, '84, '86, '87, '88, '89, and '90; making NFC Championship Game appearances in 1981, 1983, 1984, 1988, 1989, and 1990; and claiming world championships in 1981 (Super Bowl XVI), '84 (Super Bowl XIX), and back-to-back in '88 (Super Bowl XXIII) and 1989 (Super Bowl XXIV).

Additionally, San Francisco is the only NFL team to qualify for the playoffs each of the past eight years ... and is the only League team to win 10-or-more games in each of those regular seasons: 1983 (10-6), 1984 (15-1), 1985 (10-6), 1986 (10-5-1), 1987 (13-2), 1988 (10-6), 1989 (14-2), and 1990 (14-2).

As owner and chief executive officer of the 49ers, DeBartolo's professional responsibilities only begin with the San Francisco football franchise, since he is also president and chief administrative officer of The Edward J. DeBartolo Corporation in Youngstown, Ohio.

Although each title represents a facet of his career as separate as the two offices are distant (California and Ohio), DeBartolo's style and savvy have earned him continued success in both arenas.

With the Forty Niners, his primary function is to provide administrative leadership, financial guidance, and emotional support to his players; coaches and staff which Eddie (as he is known by friends, relatives and 49ers' family) has done since he purchased 90 percent interest in the franchise from the Morabito family in 1977.

As president and chief administrative officer of the DeBartolo Corporation, 'Mr. D' oversees the operation and growth of one of the country's top real estate development and management firms. Founded in 1948 by his father, Edward J. DeBartolo (chairman and chief executive officer of the firm), the DeBartolo Corporation is one of America's greatest business success stories.

During the past four decades, the DeBartolo Corporation owns, manages, or operates nearly 100 shopping malls in 23 states. They have developed over 74 million square feet of prime retail space across the country. The firm operates more than 64 million square feet — making it the nation's largest developer and manager of shopping centers. Office towers, mixed-use projects, hotels and professional sports enterprises also are among DeBartolo Corporation holdings nationwide.

As a matter of fact, the DeBartolo Corporation's trophy case is home to five world championship awards. Besides four Super Bowl trophies, the 1991 NHL Stanley Cup adorns the case. The world champion Pittsburgh Penguins are owned by Edward J. DeBartolo, Sr.

Following graduation from Notre Dame in 1968, DeBartolo began an executive training program that gave him valuable experience in each of the Corporation's departments. He was appointed vice president in 1971 and became executive vice president five years later. In '79, he assumed his current position.

DeBartolo also has actively supported charitable institutions. Besides his philanthropic support, he has given generously of his time and influence to help St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Heart Fund, Cancer Crusade, United Way, ALS Research Foundation, Crippled Children's Society, Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame, Police Athletic League, and numerous other worldwide organizations. The DeBartolo family donated 33 million dollars to the University of Notre Dame in 1989 (one of the largest donations ever to higher education in America).

He received the 1982 Salvation Army Citation of Merit in recognition of his humanitarian efforts. The organization's highest honor, the award had previously been presented to such notables as Dwight D. Eisenhower, William Randolph Hearst and Cecil B. DeMille. At 35, DeBartolo was the youngest Salvation Army honoree in history.

In 1985, DeBartolo was hailed by the Boys' Town of Italy as its Man-of-the-Year for his support of that organization (which aids homeless and needy children). He also was the 1985 recipient of the prestigious Warner Award, the highest national individual honor given by the Pop Warner (youth) Football Association.

Eddie was national chairman for the 19th Annual Victor Awards in 1985 (sponsored by the Sportsmen's Club for the City of Hope) and served as national chairman for the City of Hope's 1986 "Spirit of Life Award" banquet.

In 1988, the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau bestowed upon DeBartolo its Silver Cable Car Award for his "extraordinary contributions to San Francisco and its visitor industry."

Born and raised in Youngstown, he has actively supported that city's organizations, as well. For example, he has served as director of the Youngstown Youth Center and as a member of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees.

Eddie is married to his childhood sweetheart, the former Cynthia Papalia, who prefers the nickname Candy. Last fall, the Catholic Youth Organization of the Bay Area presented its 1990 Service to Youth Award to Candy and Eddie for their many years of generous support.

They have three daughters, Lisa Marie, Tiffanie Lynne and Nicole Anne. ■

FRONT OFFICE

CARMEN POLICY

PRESIDENT

In eight seasons with the San Francisco 49ers, Carmen A. Policy has gained national notoriety as one of the top executives in American professional sports ... and that recognition has not been lost on friends and associates.

Team owner Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr., proved the point during the past offseason by naming Policy club president, February 13, 1991.

That promotion came just two years after he assumed the title and responsibilities of executive vice president with the club, supervising the front office and handling League relations, along with his duties as general counsel.

Entering his ninth year with the 49ers in '91, Policy previously served as the team's vice president and general counsel during his initial six seasons with the club.

Since '89, Carmen has overseen all matters relative to legal and business considerations that are involved in the day-to-day operation.

As the team's chief administrative officer, Policy coordinates all of the club's activities in close association with all department heads.

A product of Youngstown (OH) Ursuline High School, Policy earned his degree in 1963 from Youngstown State University and went to Georgetown University Law Center, where he received his Juris Doctorate Degree in 1966.

He is on the Board of Directors for the World League of American Football.

Policy, one of the 49ers' 1991 regional United Way spokesmen, is a native of Youngstown, OH. He was personal attorney for Eddie DeBartolo for many years prior to joining the 49ers' staff in '83.

He has five children: James (a second-year medical student at Ohio State), Daniel (a senior at Notre Dame), Edward (a junior at Notre Dame), Kerry (a freshmen at Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH), and Kathy (a junior at Cardinal Mooney H.S. in Youngstown, OH).

He and the former Gail Marie Moretti were married this past offseason. They make their home in Palo Alto, CA.

JOHN E. McVAY

VICE PRESIDENT-FOOTBALL ADMINISTRATION

John McVay, who handles the bulk of the team's contract negotiations among his many other administrative responsibilities, is in his 13th year with the club, and his second as vice president for football administration.

In 1989, John was selected by *The Sporting News* as its NFL Executive-of-the-Year.

McVay began his career with the 49ers in January of 1979 as the team's director of player personnel. He was promoted to director of football operations in '80, and served in the administrative vice president's capacity until being named vice president and general manager in 1983. A native of Bellaire, OH, and a product of the famous high school football town of Massillon, OH, John came to the 49ers after having served the New York Giants as head coach for two and one-half seasons (1976-78).

Prior to joining the Giants, McVay was the head coach and general manager of the Memphis Southmen of the World Football League. John's son, Jim, who is currently the Executive Director for college football's Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa, FL, was a quarterback and a safety at Dayton.

McVay was an All-Ohio center as a Massillon schoolboy, and an All-Midwest selection and two-time team MVP as a center at Miami University in Oxford, OH.

His coaching career began with a three-year stint at Lancaster (OH) High School, and he moved to Franklin (OH) High for one year, before a five-year stay (41-7) at Canton (OH) Central Catholic High School. From the prep ranks he joined Duffy Daugherty's staff at Michigan State as an assistant in 1962 and stayed three years. From MSU, McVay took over the Dayton post, and led the Flyers to their first winning grid season in ten years when they finished 8-2 in 1966.

John and his wife, Lee, live in Saratoga, CA.

KEITH A. SIMON

VICE PRESIDENT-BUSINESS OPERATIONS & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Keith A. Simon was promoted to the position of vice president of business operations and chief financial officer in 1989. He had previously served as the 49ers' business manager since 1979.

Simon provides business and financial support to each department of the 49ers, and is responsible for all off-the-field business activities. Additionally, he oversees the team's stadium operations and team travel. Keith also serves as the liaison between the team's Santa Clara, CA, office and the DeBartolo Corporation in Youngstown, OH.

Simon's association with the DeBartolo Corporation dates back to 1975, when he was hired as an accountant at the DeBartolo-owned Thistledown Racetrack in Cleveland, OH. He became the track's general manager in 1976.

Prior to joining the DeBartolo's, Simon was chief accountant for the Denver, CO, firm of Litton Industries Datalog Division (1969-70). He moved to Sarasota, FL, to become controller/chief financial officer for Greentree Communities from 1971-75.

Born in Billings, MT, Keith played football and baseball, and was in the band at Billings High. He received a degree in business administration from the University of Montana in '68.

A golf and fishing devotee, Keith and his wife, Debbie, have a son, Grant Christopher (2-25-88). The family lives in Saratoga, CA.

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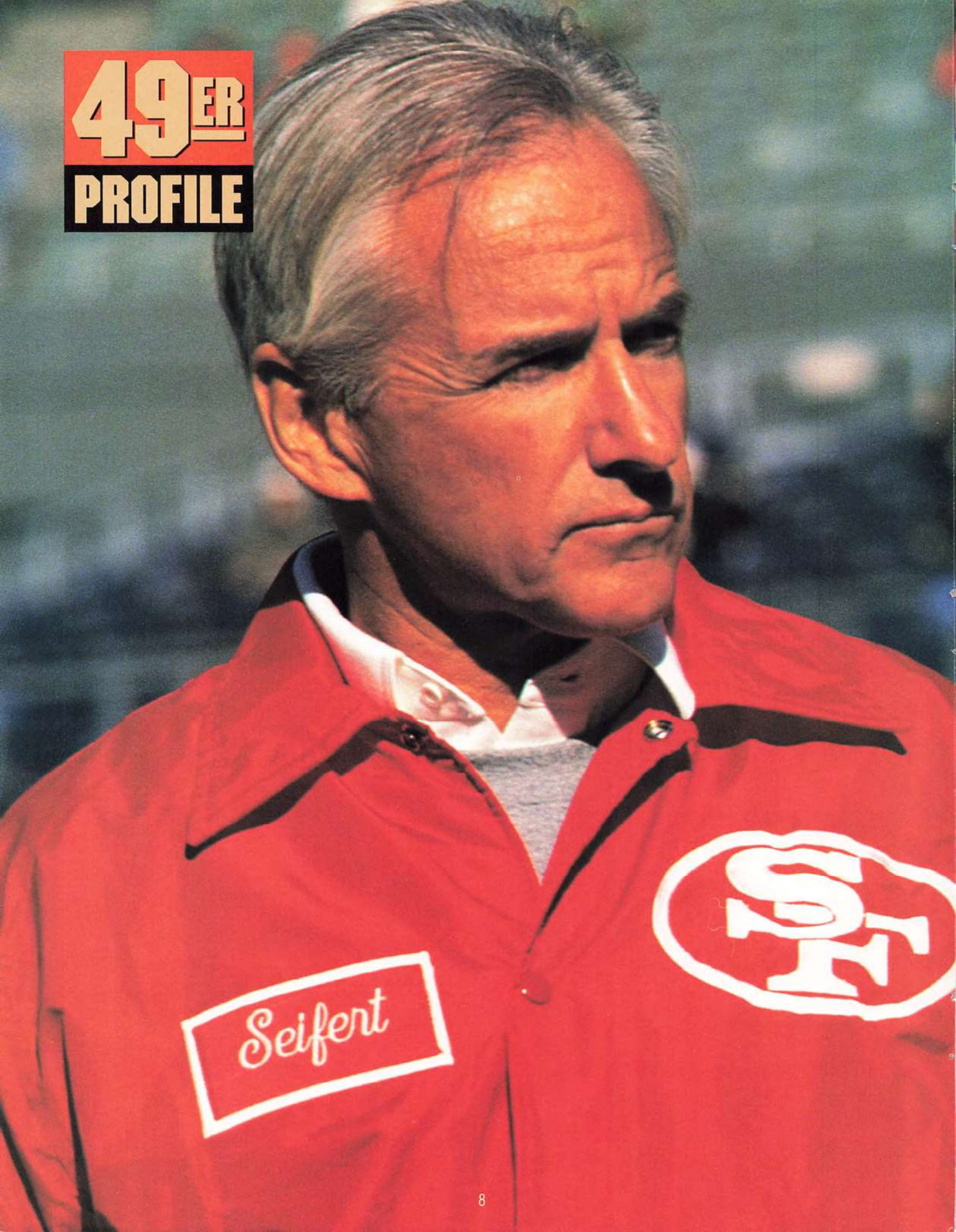


GEORGE SEIFERT, HEAD COACH

George Seifert enters his third season as head coach of the 49ers with some pretty impressive statistics to his credit.

Stats such as:

- Two consecutive NFC West titles (1989 and '90), the team's fourth and fifth straight (and eighth in 10 years) ...
- The NFL's best regular season won-loss mark of 14-2 in both 1989 and '90, overall records of 17-2 in '89 and 15-3 in '90 for a total of 32-5 for two seasons ...
- Two straight NFC Championship Game appearances (1989 and '90), the team's second and third in a row (and sixth since '81) ...
- The team's fourth Super Bowl title of the 1980s (Super Bowl XXIV) following the 1989 season ...
- And, he has been chosen for at least one NFL Coach-of-the-Year award in each of his first two seasons as head coach.

Seifert's '89 debut was nothing short of spectacular, as he became only the fourth NFL rookie coach ever to earn a division title ... the lone first-year coach to claim an NFC crown ... merely the second coach (with Don McCafferty, Colts, '70) in NFL history to win a Super Bowl in his first season ... and, he recorded more victories than any other rookie coach in NFL history.

For his efforts, George was named 1989 NFL Coach-of-the-Year by several publications, including: *Sports Illustrated, Pro Football Weekly,* and *Football Digest.* He followed that with an encore selection of 1990 Coach-of-the-Year by the Washington Touchdown Club, *The Sporting News,* and *The National,* among others.

The 49ers' nine-year assistant coach and defensive coordinator since 1983, Seifert was named the team's head coach in January of 1989. He became the 12th coach in 49ers' history, and the first native San Franciscan to coach the team. He replaced Bill Walsh.

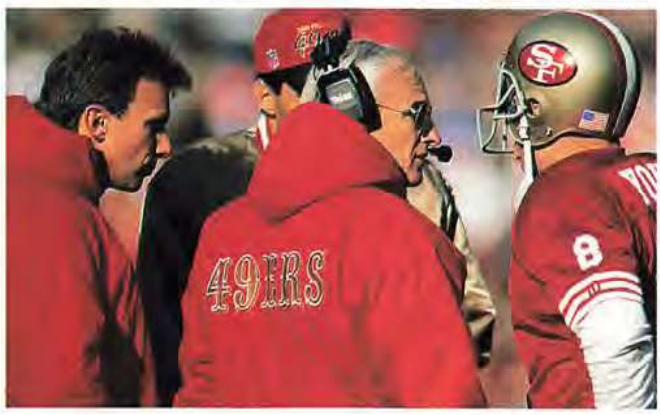
Under his leadership as defensive coordinator, the 49ers annually ranked among the leaders in the NFL, including 1987 when they claimed the top ranking among all NFL defensive units (the first time in history that San Francisco led the League in fewest total yards allowed). Besides being first in total defense, San Francisco also was fifth in rushing defense, and tops in passing defense in '87.

The following year, the Niners were third in total defense, third in rushing defense, and eighth in pass defense, while holding their opponents under 100 yards rushing eight times during the '88 season. In '89, San Francisco ranked fourth in total yardage yielded, and only Denver (226) and the N.Y. Giants (252) allowed fewer points than the 253 given up by S.F.

Last year, the 49ers ranked third in total defense and second in rushing defense. They allowed just one-touchdown-or-less in 11 of their 18 games, counting postseason as only the Giants (211) gave up fewer NFL points than San Francisco's 239.

George joined the Niners' coaching staff as defensive backfield coach in 1980 ... following 15 years in the collegiate ranks.

He began his coaching career in 1964 as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Utah, after a six-month tour of duty with the U.S. Army.



Seifert, who played offensive guard and linebacker at Utah, was recommended for the graduate assistant post by his former Utah roommate and teammate, Lynn Stiles (currently San Francisco's special teams coordinator/tight ends coach, and offensive line assistant), when Stiles moved up from that position to a full-time assistant post at Utah.

In '65, he was named head coach at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, UT, before moving to assistant positions at Iowa (1966) and Oregon (1967-71), prior to joining Stanford's staff (1972-74) as secondary coach (transforming the defensive backfield into the Pac-8 Conference's best statistically in 1972 and '73).

George left Stanford in '75 to become head coach at Cornell (1975-76), but returned to Stanford to join Walsh's staff as secondary coach in 1977. The Cardinal pass defense was second in the Pac-10 in both '78 and '79.

In 1980, he joined Walsh again, this time with the 49ers as secondary coach.

A native San Franciscan, Seifert grew up in 'The City's' Mission District and graduated from Polytechnic High School across the street from the 49ers' old home field at Kezar Stadium. He played offensive tackle, end, and linebacker on Poly's football team. And, one high school benefit he enjoyed was the arrangement for Poly students to serve as ushers at Kezar for 49ers' home games.

The highlight to Seifert's 1990 offseason was being honored with the second annual ALS "Iron Man" Award. The award, inaugurated in 1989 by the ALS Research Foundation of San Francisco, is presented to the Bay Area sports figure who best exemplifies the spirit and determination of former New York Yankee great Lou Gehrig. San Francisco Giants manager Roger Craig was the first to receive the honor.

George and his wife, Linda, have two children (Eve and Jason) and live in Los Altos, CA. A 1963 graduate of Utah, George was a zoology major with interests in wildlife management and teaching school.

Born January 22, 1940, Seifert celebrated his 49th birthday (in Miami, FL) during San Francisco's 20-16 Super Bowl XXIII win over Cincinnati in 1989, and his 50th birthday (in New Orleans, LA) in '90, during the week before the Niners' 55-10 Super Bowl XXIV victory over Denver.

NFL Career Record entering 1991: 37 games (including 4-1 postseason mark) ... 32-5 for an .864 winning percentage. ■

ASSISTANT COACHES PROFILES

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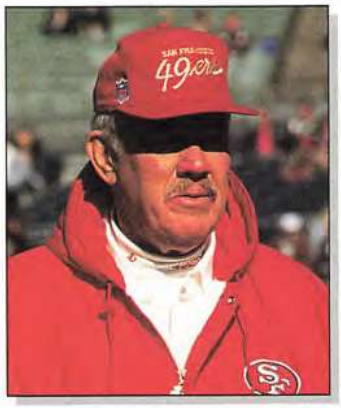

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JERRY ATTAWAY
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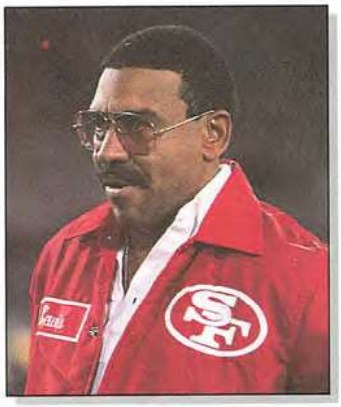

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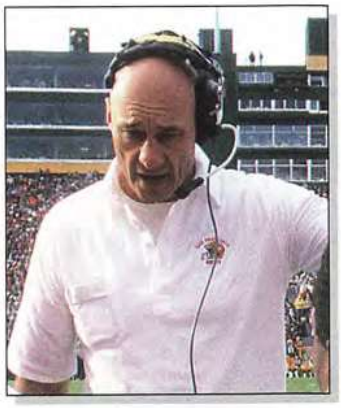

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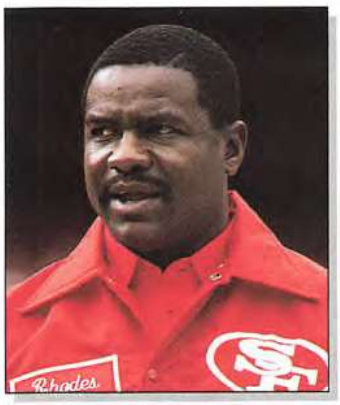

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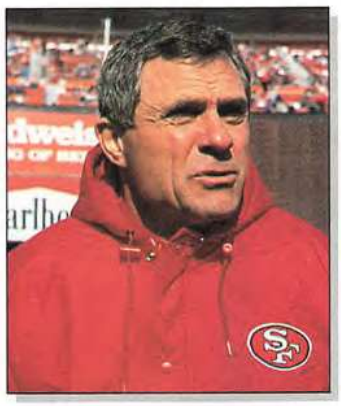

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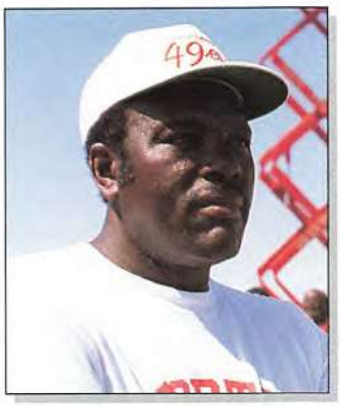

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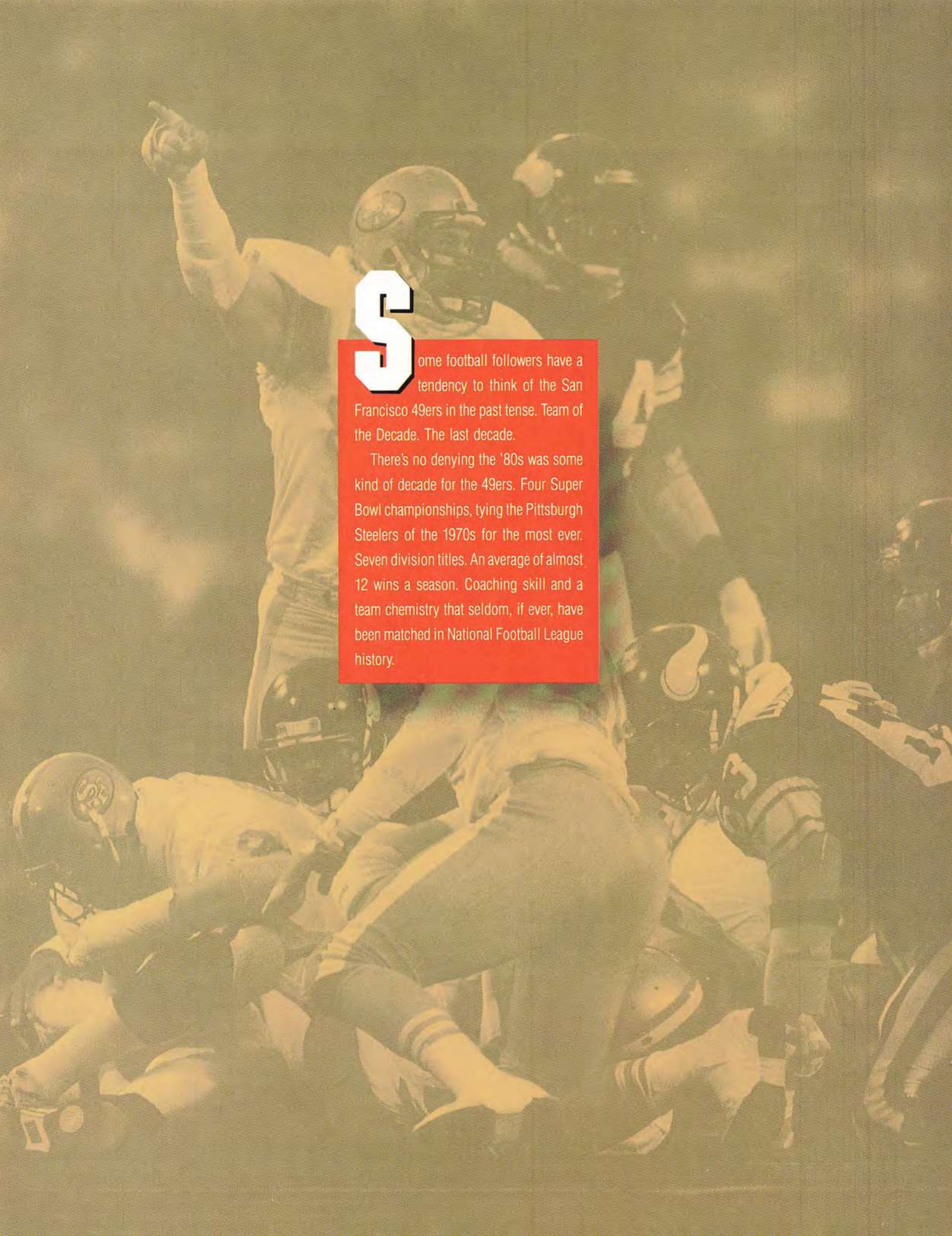


Some football followers have a tendency to think of the San Francisco 49ers in the past tense. Team of the Decade. The last decade.

There's no denying the '80s was some kind of decade for the 49ers. Four Super Bowl championships, tying the Pittsburgh Steelers of the 1970s for the most ever. Seven division titles. An average of almost 12 wins a season. Coaching skill and a team chemistry that seldom, if ever, have been matched in National Football League history.

BY DWIGHT CHAPIN

49ERS THE WINNING TRADITION CONTINUES

The '80s are gone, however, and so, too, are many of the men who put the 49ers at the pinnacle of pro football.

Only nonpareil quarterback Joe Montana remains from the Super Bowl Five, the quintet that was at the core of the team throughout its record run. The NFC Championship Game in January was the last time Montana, Ronnie Lott, Keena Turner, Mike Wilson and Eric Wright, who were all part of the 49ers' first Super Bowl championship in 1981, would ever play together.

Turner, Wilson and Wright are retired now, and Lott, for so many years the NFL's quintessential free safety, and running back Roger Craig — who have seven Super Bowl rings between them — have moved on to the Los Angeles Raiders through Plan B free agency. Gone, too, are other prominent veterans such as linebackers Matt Millen and Jim Fahnhorst.

The person in the best position to assess all this movement is 49er owner Edward DeBartolo, Jr., the man who more than anyone turned the team from bottom of the barrel into top of the world.

"Things have to change," he said in the offseason. "There are changes in organizations that have to take place. Organizations have to move on. Things have to happen. You have to keep a football team competitive, and in order to do that, you have to bring youth in.

"It didn't happen with the Pittsburgh Steelers and it took them 10 years to rebuild. I don't want that to happen with this franchise."

Neither does George Seifert, who has been rewarded with a two-year contract extension (through 1993) after leading the team to a 32-5 record in his first two seasons as head coach.

"We've got to go with younger players," Seifert said. "I'm the first to admit that many of our decisions last season were based solely on having the best team we possibly could, because we realized we had a shot to go for something nobody else had ever done.

"That doesn't mean we're going to approach this season with the idea that we're building for three years from now. We'll go for as much as we can this season, but we need to inject some new blood into the club."

So, a new 49er team is in the offing. But not entirely new. This surely will be a younger team, building on the rich tradition of the past, but it still will have plenty of familiar faces. Montana, whom many believe is the best quarterback in NFL history. Wide receiver Jerry Rice, whose numbers continue to propel him toward the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Other supremely-talented players like linebackers Charles Haley and Mike Walter; defensive linemen Pierce Holt, Kevin Fagan, and Michael Carter; offensive linemen Guy McIntyre, Jesse Sapolu, and Harris Barton; fullback Tom Rathman; quarterback Steve Young; and kicker Mike Cofer.

With leaders like Lott, Craig, Wright, and Turner gone, others are ready to take their places.

"The guys from the 1986 draft will have to step forward and take on leadership roles," said tackle Steve Wallace, an alum of that class, which also includes Rathman, Haley, Taylor, Fagan, Larry Roberts and Don Griffin.

Rice, a 1985 arrival, is ready to fill part of the void, too. "This is year seven for me," he said. "It's time for me to take on some leadership."

Center Sapolu sees the 1991 season as "an exciting opportunity. It's like when George Seifert stepped in as head coach. A lot of guys will be motivated to try to prove we can win without some of those great players the same way we tried to prove we could win without Bill Walsh."

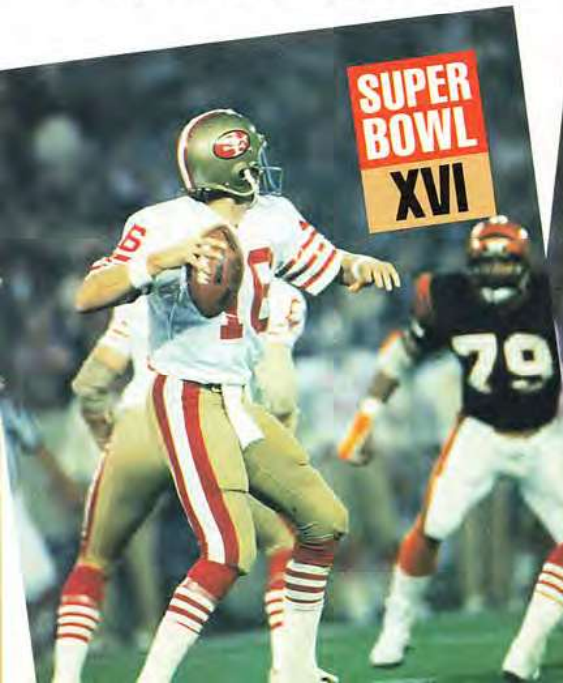
Now that the team is no longer chasing those all-time records like a three-peat, there are those who believe the atmosphere will be much more relaxed, too.

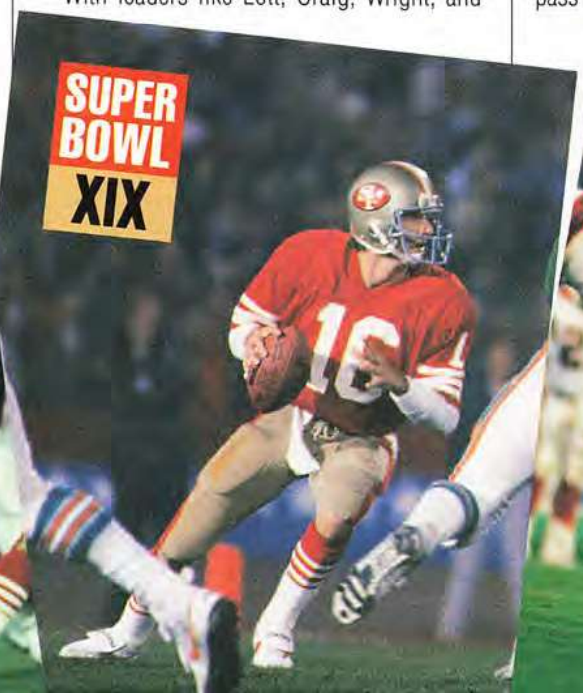
"Last year was such a stressful year," said tight end Jamie Williams. "It was a fun year, but there was lots of tension because of the goals we set for ourselves. The odds were almost insurmountable against us. This year there's not as much pressure on us. Maybe the pressure will be on the Giants or the Bills now."

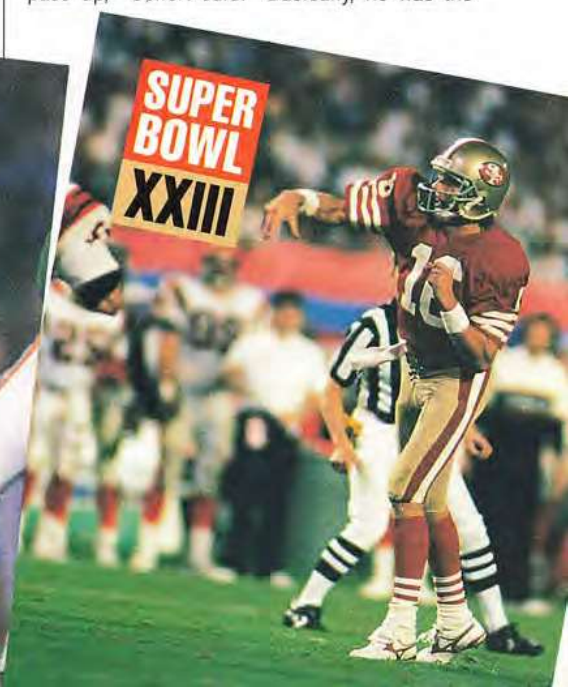
As the 49ers try to regroup while remaining competitive on the highest level, increasingly key roles will be filled by players in their 20s — running back Dexter Carter, 24; wide receivers Mike Sherrard, 28, and Ron Lewis, 23; defensive lineman Dennis Brown, 23; defensive back Eric Davis, 23; linebackers Keith DeLong, 24, Bill Romanowski and LeRoy Etienne, both 25.

They'll be joined by the promising class of 1991.

The 49ers' first draft choice was defensive lineman Ted Washington, a 6-foot-4½, 303-pounder out of Louisville. "He was too good to pass up," Seifert said. "Basically, he was the







best player at his position, and we wanted a good big man. We feel as though the defensive line is our foundation. It was the strength of our defense a year ago, and we don't want that to become diminished."

The 49ers expect Washington to give them valuable depth on the defensive line along with fellow youngster Brown, a similarly-sized giant.

Washington doesn't seem at all awed by his opportunity. "I have a lot of respect for my new teammates," he said. "I know they expect a lot out of me. But those guys are going to have to fight for their jobs."

Assistant coach Tommy Hart, who scouted Washington, said, "He's got a mean streak. His whole game stands out. In this league, you win with defense. To win you have to have great defensive linemen, and I think Washington could add to that ingredient. I think he'll come here and fit right in."

The 49ers addressed several other needs in the draft.

After a trade with Cincinnati, they chose all-purpose running back Ricky Watters of Notre Dame in the second round. "Ricky appeared to be the type of back that would be best suited for our offense," Seifert said. "He's an every-down back. He has speed to run outside, is a slashing runner inside and he's also a good receiver."

"I really love the 49er offense," Watters said, "because the running back gets to catch the ball out of the backfield. Because I played flanker and wide receiver some at Notre Dame, that really helped me."

Other players selected in the '91 draft were linebackers John Johnson of Clemson and Mitch Donahue of Wyoming, defensive back Merton Hanks of Iowa, offensive linemen Harry Boatswain of New Haven, Scott Bowles of North Texas State and running back Sheldon Canley of San Jose State.

The newcomers will be the recipients of a legacy that remains startling in its scope.

After the 49ers' two-point loss to the New York Giants — the eventual Super Bowl winner — in the NFC Championship Game, it was easy to forget that the Niners likely were four seconds away from a victory that would have kept their remarkable string going.

It also was easy to second guess the locals and pick apart parts of what had been another headline-making season. Which prompted offensive coordinator Mike Holmgren to say, "You should never get to the point where your expectations are too high, where you don't enjoy a win, because they're so hard to get. I'll take wins over stats any time."

After more than a decade of excellence, the numbers compiled by the 49ers have grown comfortable and familiar, but they remain numbers that no one could have envisioned at the start of the '80s.

And the San Francisco 49ers remain a team that seems greater than the sum of its parts, no matter how superior many of those parts have been and still are.

The puzzle has been put together so carefully over the years that you still see only the completed picture, not the pieces.

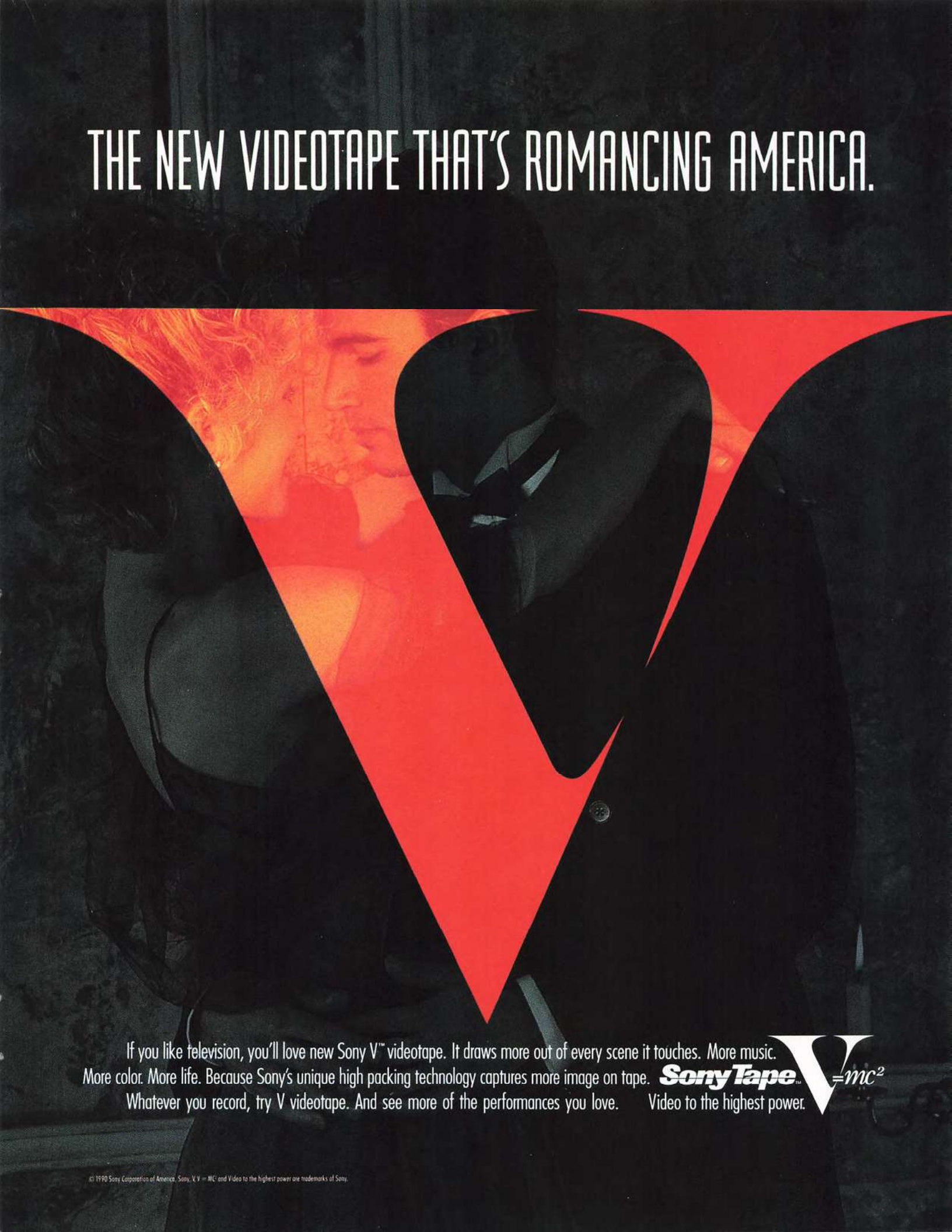
As Denny Green, the Stanford head coach who twice during the '80s was a 49er assistant, said, "When all this started, the 49ers had to learn how to win, and they advanced to the point where they didn't know how to do anything but win. And anybody who is associated with the team is expected to play up to that standard."

Despite the new faces, those closest to the 49ers expect that the standard will be maintained, and the winning will continue. They look at 1991 as a season of retooling and refinement, not restructuring.

When he gazes into the 49ers' future, DeBartolo, for one, likes what he sees almost as much as he does when he peers into the past.

"We have a lot to be thankful for as an organization," he said. "We've won four Super Bowls and it could have been six or even seven. In 1987, I thought we had a better team than Minnesota (which beat San Francisco in the playoffs). And I thought we would have matched up well against the Raiders (in Super Bowl XVIII following the 1983 season.

"There are a few things that have to be done this season, but I'm confident the team can keep winning. I don't expect it to win four Super Bowls in the '90s, because the league is so competitive, but I do expect it to be there in contention."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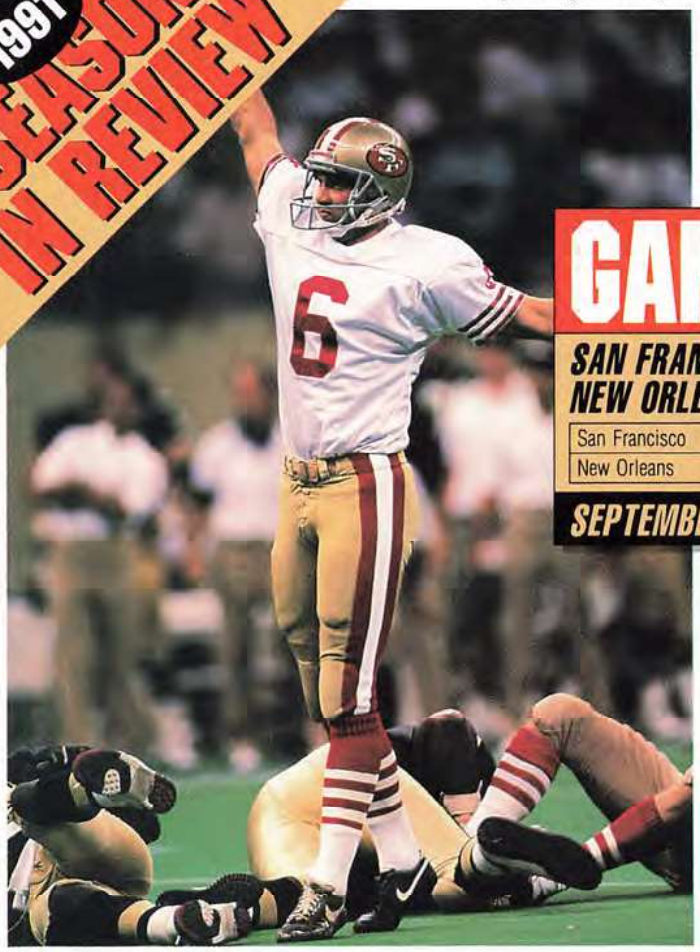


GAME 1

SAN FRANCISCO 13 NEW ORLEANS 12

San Francisco	3	0	7	3	13
New Orleans	3	6	0	3	12

SEPTEMBER 10, 1990

The Saints used just two defensive linemen along with four linebackers and five backs much of the way, and they managed to shut down the 49ers' famed passing game, holding Joe Montana to 210 yards in the air and Jerry Rice to only two catches for 26 yards.

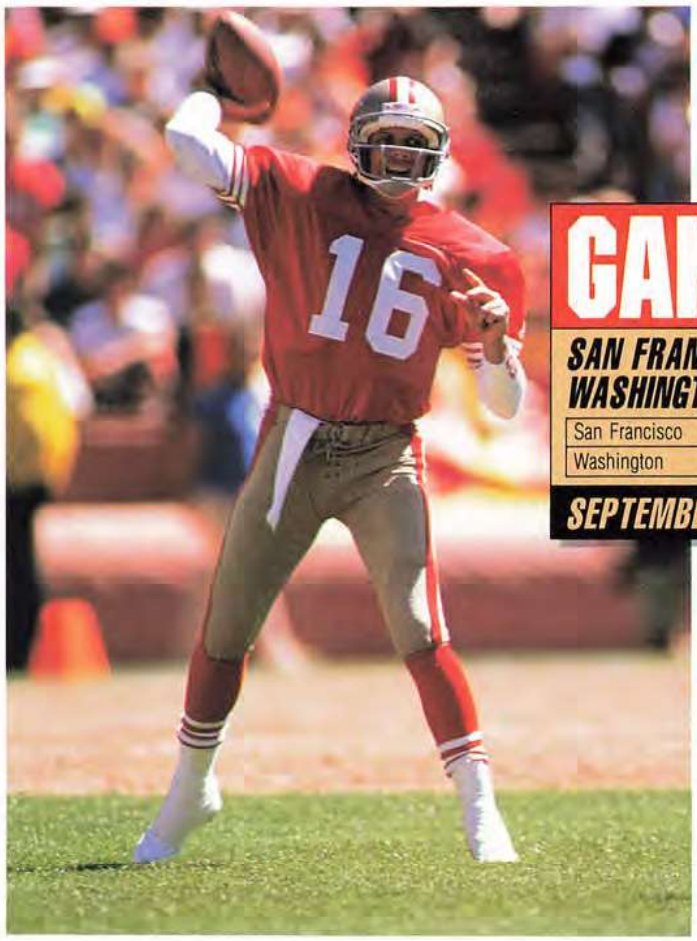
But, when it mattered, the Saints had no defense for kicker Mike Cofer, or for a last-minute Niner drive. San Francisco won the season opener on a Monday night in the super-noisy Superdome, despite four field goals from Saints' kicker Morten Andersen.

"Defensively, you can't play any better," said Saints' linebacker Rickey Jackson. "The last time the 49ers played here they scored 55 points and won a Super Bowl. Tonight we almost stopped them cold. We had the world's best team beaten and we just couldn't pull it out."

Cofer had an unusual game, missing three of his five field goal attempts. His winning kick, from 38 yards out, just scooted inside the top left upright. "Let's don't get into how close it was," he said, "until they start giving six points for dead center, five points for off-center and three for off to one side."

The NFL's leading scorer in 1989 admitted that kicking "is a nervous and pressure-wracked job." But he added that "After you've missed three, you think, 'What else can go wrong? Probably the worst has happened.'"

Cofer then was asked if he carries kicking thoughts off to bed with him. He smiled, charitably. "I don't dream about field goals, period," he said. "When I do dream, I hope it's about something better than that." Like season-opening victories, perhaps?



GAME 2

SAN FRANCISCO 26 WASHINGTON 13

San Francisco	3	17	3	3	26
Washington	0	10	3	0	13

SEPTEMBER 16, 1990

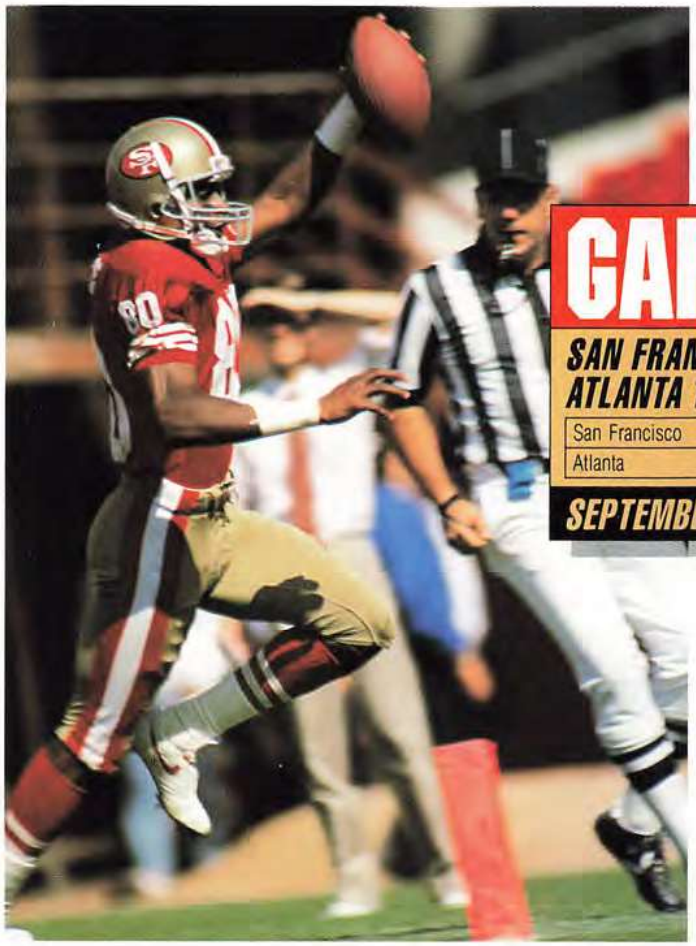
Some of the 49ers admitted they had been lucky to escape from New Orleans with a win, but there was very little luck involved in Week 2, as the Niners accounted for 487 yards in total defense, averaged 6.7 yards a play, converted 11 of 18 third-down plays and struck for 19 first downs on passing plays in hammering the Redskins.

"We came out with some momentum and confidence in what we were trying to do," offensive tackle Bubba Paris said. "We came out feeling good." And the winners left the same way, as coach George Seifert acknowledged. "We were in sync," he said. "I'm sure there's some things we'll criticize ourselves for as we watch the films, but overall it was an excellent performance."

The guys with the ordinary first names (Joe, Jerry and John) all displayed their extraordinary talents. Joe Montana passed for 390 yards, the fifth highest total of his career. Jerry Rice caught six passes for 74 yards and a 12-yard touchdown that thrust the Niners into a 10-0 second-quarter lead. And John Taylor had eight receptions for 160 yards, and his 49-yard TD stretched his team's lead to 17-3.

Running back Roger Craig was special, too, rushing for 82 yards and catching four passes for 42 yards despite being hobbled during the practice week with a hip injury.

The offensive linemen, particularly Paris and fellow tackle Steve Wallace, shouldn't be forgotten, either. "They had a great day," Montana said. "They speak for themselves by what they did. When you're throwing the ball 44 times, as I did today, a couple of things are happening: You're either having a lot of success or you're behind. In this case I was throwing the ball well because I had great protection."



GAME 3

SAN FRANCISCO 19 ATLANTA 13

San Francisco	0	5	14	0	19
Atlanta	3	0	7	3	13

SEPTEMBER 23, 1990

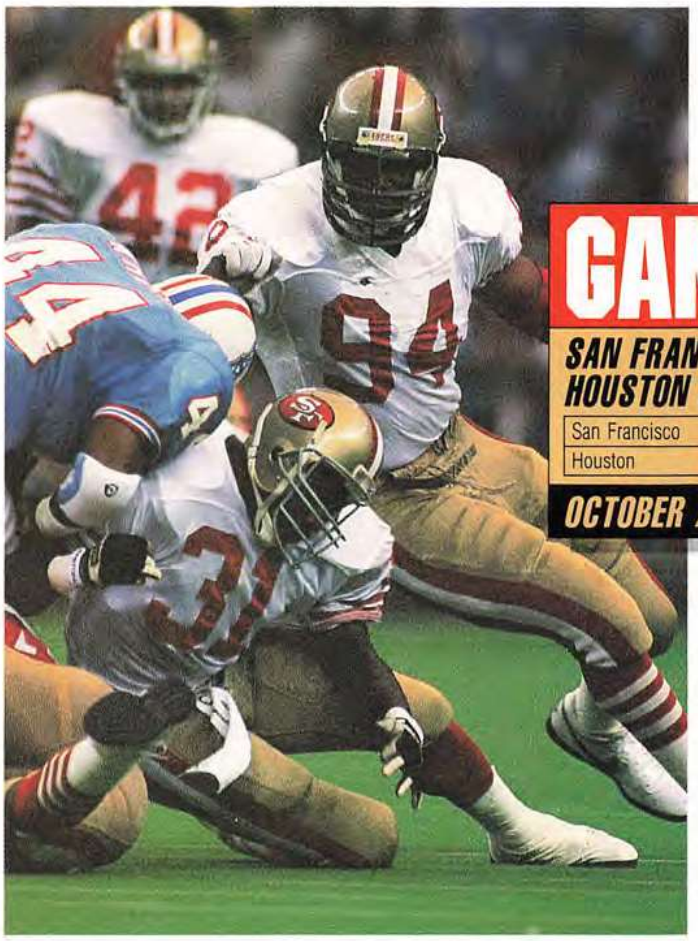
Two big offensive plays and a key call from a referee won this one, the 49ers' 11th straight victory over two seasons.

The offensive plays were a pair of third-quarter touchdown receptions, a 35-yarder by wide receiver Jerry Rice, who had eight catches for 171 yards on the day, and a 67-yard catch-and-run beauty by tight end Brent Jones, who straight-armed Falcon defensive back Deion Sanders to punctuate the score. Atlanta free safety Scott Case said: "Stuff like that happens. They are awfully talented. It's hard to shut them down. Montana is Montana. He doesn't have to look good. He just wins."

Still, Atlanta hung tough in this one. With 22 seconds left in the game, quarterback Chris Miller completed a pass to wide receiver Andre Rison to the Niners' 29-yard line. The Falcons then hurried to line up again so Miller could stop the clock by quickly downing the ball. But Miller bobbled the ball and then pushed it toward the ground. It wound up stuck between the legs of San Francisco defensive end Pierce Holt, who was credited with a fumble recovery.

Miller felt he had downed the ball. Referee Jerry Seeman did not agree. "In my judgment," Seeman said, "he didn't control the football. He tried to bat it down, but he didn't have control. It was moving in his hands all the time. Consequently, he could not throw the ball down forward and it was treated as a fumble."

Whatever the circumstances, the 49ers were happy with the victory. "It's a win," said center Jesse Sapolu. "We have to enjoy wins. You can't be disappointed when you expect to win a certain way and then don't win that way. It's a long season."



GAME 4

SAN FRANCISCO 24 HOUSTON 21

San Francisco	0	7	7	10	24
Houston	14	0	7	0	21

OCTOBER 7, 1990

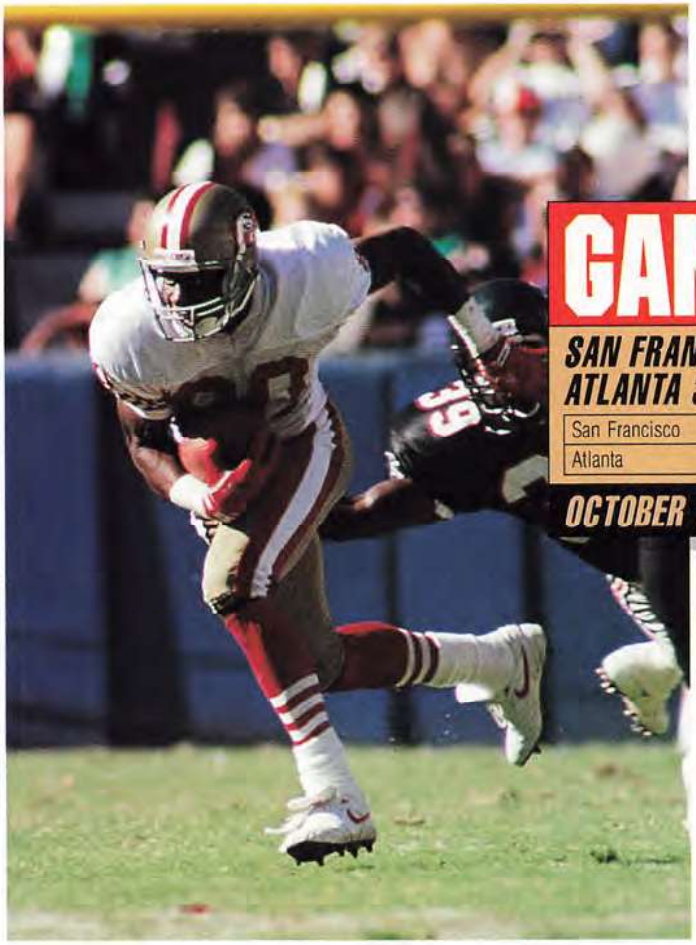
What else is new? For the 25th time in his career, quarterback Joe Montana led the 49ers to a comeback victory in the fourth quarter, decisively outplaying his Oiler counterpart, Warren Moon, in the process. Montana completed 20 of 28 passes for 318 yards and three touchdowns to 18 of 33 for 191 yards and two scores by Moon.

Montana had more than a little help this time, from wide receiver John Taylor, who scored on a 78-yard pass-and-run play in the third quarter and then came back with the game breaker, with 6:31 remaining in the game. On third-and-4 at the Oiler 46-yard line, Montana threw a short pass to Taylor near the left sideline. Taylor shook off a shoulder tackle by cornerback Chris Dishman and sprinted the rest of the way into the end zone.

The 49ers finished the game with their offense playing defense. The offense took over at its 21-yard line with 4:41 to play and disposed of the rest of the clock, denying Moon and the Houston run-and-shoot attack a chance to do any more damage.

"They played defense for us," 49er safety Ronnie Lott said of his offensive teammates. "As the game went on, they played more defense for us. But they'll tell you that we played offense for them earlier in the year. That's just the nature of playing for the 49ers."

In general, the 49ers played well after a week off, but old pro Montana knew that despite a 4-0 beginning, the season would not be a breeze. "We have to face the fact teams are going to come in ready to play us every week," he said. "This is the way our games are going to go. We're unbeaten but we're scrapping. People are trying to knock us off. We have to play it like a Super Bowl every week."



GAME 5

SAN FRANCISCO 45 ATLANTA 35

San Francisco	14	17	7	7	45
Atlanta	7	14	0	14	35

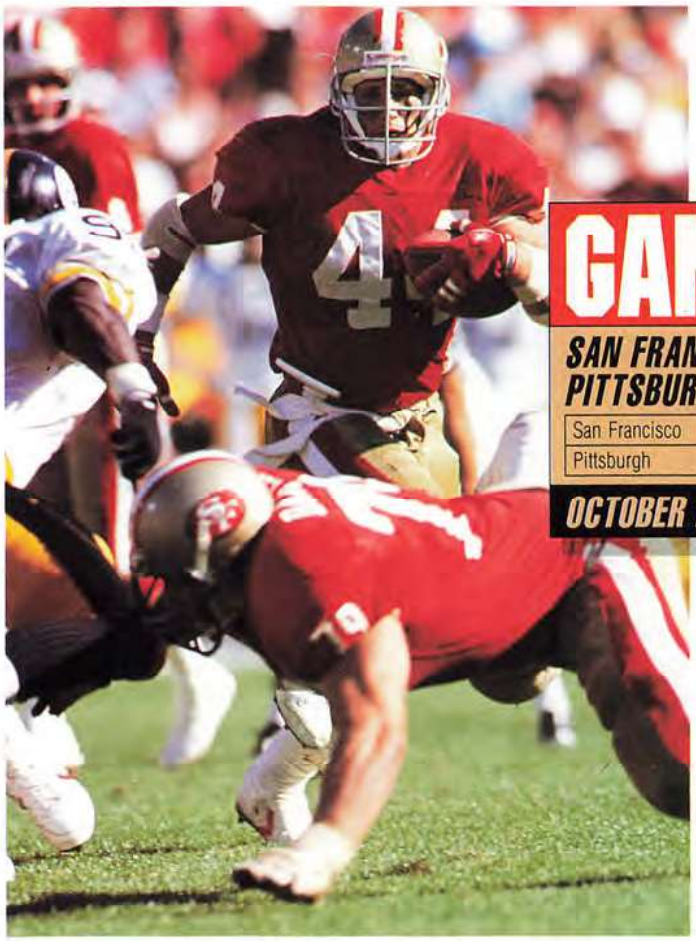
OCTOBER 14, 1990

This was a record-setting day in the Deep South, and the records, more or less, were born out of adversity. Running back Roger Craig was out of the lineup with a torn knee ligament, so the 49ers simplified the offense. They had Joe Montana play catch with Jerry Rice.

The result: Montana threw for 476 yards, a club record, and Rice caught a team-record 13 passes for 225 yards and an NFL record tying five touchdowns as the Niners improved to 5-0. Rice said he didn't even want to think about setting those marks when he was doing it. He took some satisfaction afterward, but he certainly didn't gloat. "The thing about me," he said, "is I know I'm not going to go into every game and dominate, but when I get the opportunity, I want to make the most of it."

In addition to the five TD strikes to Rice, Montana also fired one to Mike Sherrard, who made his first touchdown reception in almost four seasons. Montana was just one shy of the league record for scoring passes. Kicker Mike Cofer joined the record parade, hitting a 56-yard field goal, the longest in 49er history, in the second quarter.

Cofer chose to play his achievement low-key, too. "I'm not big on records," he said. "Eventually those things will be important to me."



GAME 6

SAN FRANCISCO 27 PITTSBURGH 7

San Francisco	0	10	10	7	27
Pittsburgh	7	0	0	0	7

OCTOBER 21, 1990

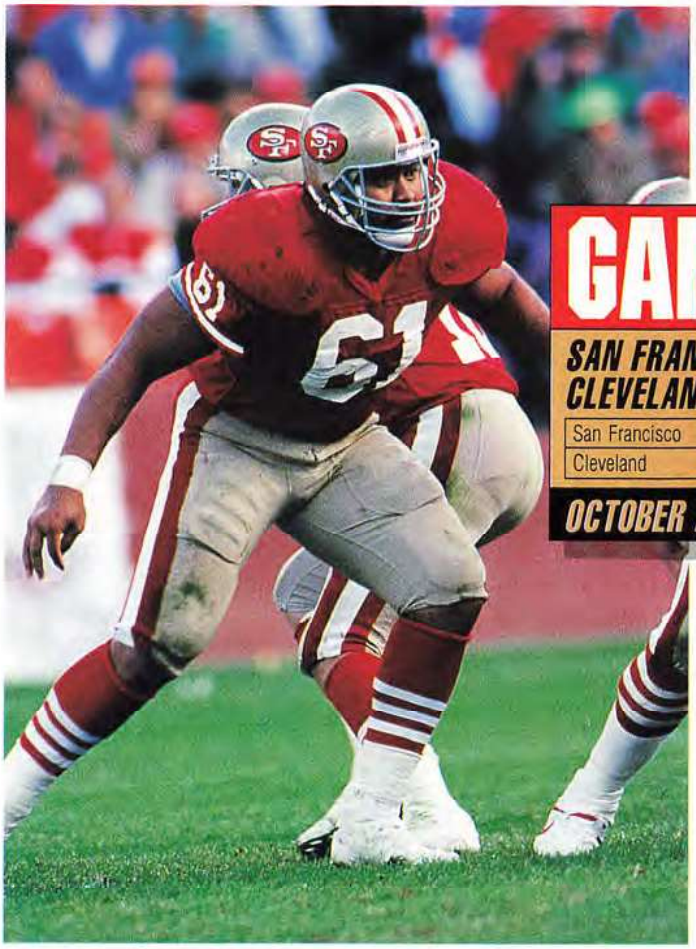
Safety Ronnie Lott, who was sidelined with a hamstring injury, had just seen his beloved Oakland A's get swept by the Cincinnati Reds in the World Series, and he issued a pregame warning to the 49ers. "I told them there was a lesson to be learned from the A's," he said. "You can't just line up and expect to win. You have to go out and... take it!"

The Niners were listening to their long-time leader. For the first time in four games, they faced a team with a conventional offense rather than a run-and-shoot, and the defense responded with its best game of the season. "This was real football," said nose tackle Michael Carter. "Tell me about it," added free safety Dave Waymer, who started his first game as a 49er because of the injury to Lott. "We were all excited about playing a regular team, a physical team that likes to get after it."

The 49ers held the Steelers to 200 yards in total offense and one touchdown, both season bests. Outside linebacker Charles Haley had two sacks, and Pittsburgh coach Chuck Noll said, "He was the difference. He's just an excellent pass rusher. We had various people on him but we couldn't block him."

San Francisco also had its highest rushing total of the season, 150 yards, including 90 from rookie Dexter Carter, and Tom Rathman scored two touchdowns.

Still, the game was close until late in the third quarter, when Pittsburgh rookie Barry Foster failed to field a kickoff. Mike Wilson recovered the ball at the Steelers' 5-yard line and Rathman scored three plays later. "For a minute I thought it was like a punt," Foster said, "that it could just roll. When I realized it was anybody's ball, it was too late."



GAME 7

SAN FRANCISCO 20 CLEVELAND 17

San Francisco	0	14	3	3	20
Cleveland	0	0	3	14	17

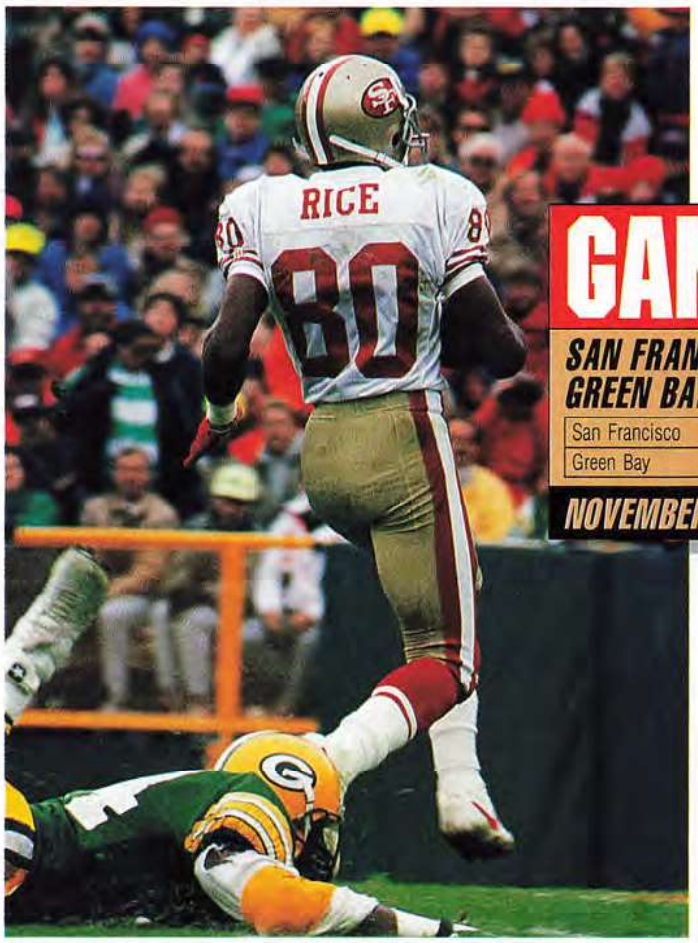
OCTOBER 28, 1990

The 49ers remained one of the NFL's two unbeaten teams with another one of their oh-so-familiar great escapes. Through a variety of circumstances, the Niners turned what had looked like a comfortable game at Candlestick Park into a close one. They led, 17-3, in the third quarter, only to be tied by the lowly Browns, 17-17, in the fourth. That brought it down once more to kicker Mike Cofer, who had to combat both his nerves and a stiff crosswind to kick a 45-yard field goal with five seconds to play and provide the victory. It was the fourth game-winning kick for the 49ers.

"I knew I hit it well," Cofer said. "I knew the wind would start to play with it once it lost momentum. I just hoped I hit it well enough."

Most of the postgame talk concerned how well the Niners had come to handle hairbreadth finishes. "A true test of a team's character is when it can win difficult games," said offensive tackle Bubba Paris. "The thing that separates a champion from an ordinary team is the ability to pull it out at the end." Center Jesse Sapolu agreed. "That's a 49er trademark, winning in the last two minutes," he said. "Most of the guys who were in there today were on the field for the winning drive in the Super Bowl two years ago. It's something you have to develop into your confidence level. You start thinking, 'Hey, this is part of the game' We have a reputation as a team that can do that. I don't ever remember a game where we were in this situation and failed."

Fifteen straight wins for the 49ers and 26 Joe Montana-led fourth-quarter comebacks were ample evidence to support Sapolu's claim. This had to be more than mere luck.



GAME 8

SAN FRANCISCO 24 GREEN BAY 20

San Francisco	0	7	3	14	24
Green Bay	3	7	0	10	20

NOVEMBER 4, 1990

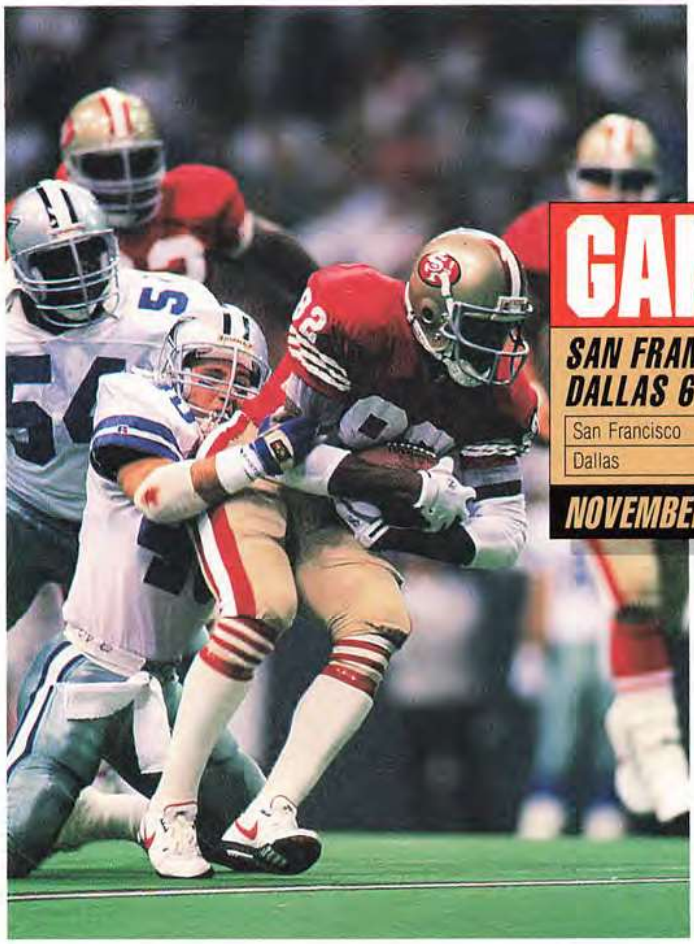
The venue was different — Green Bay's Lambeau Field — but the result was the same, another tense 49er victory, in the chill of a Wisconsin fall Sunday. This victory extended San Francisco's remarkable string of road wins to 14, avenged the team's last defeat (in the 1989 season) and pushed the 1990 record to a still-perfect 8-0.

The 49ers fell behind 10-0, and needed more magic from Joe Montana to pull it out. Montana threw for 411 yards — the first time anyone had ever passed for more than 400 yards against the Packers — and three touchdowns to outlast Green Bay's Majik Man, Don Majkowski, whom some have called the next Joe Montana. Majkowski threw for 274 yards and two touchdowns, and mightily impressed the 49ers. "He's a darn good quarterback," nose tackle Michael Carter said. "One time Charles Haley and I hit him and we didn't think he was going to get up, but he popped right up."

Coach George Seifert praised Majkowski, too. "He took one heck of a beating," Seifert said, "but he kept getting off the deck and he kept beating the heck out of us."

Perhaps the biggest play for the 49ers was a 64-yard catch and run for a touchdown by Jerry Rice with 7:16 left, which gave San Francisco enough margin to withstand a 17-yard TD pass from Majkowski to Sterling Sharpe just two minutes later.

"It was a heck of a game," a relieved Seifert said. "I mean this was the kind of football game people want to see. There were so many great plays by the quarterbacks and the receivers. So often I go away from games that we win thinking about the mistakes we made. But after this game I just had to have a feeling that a great game was played, and try to enjoy it."



GAME 9

SAN FRANCISCO 24 DALLAS 6

San Francisco	0	17	0	7	24
Dallas	3	3	0	0	6

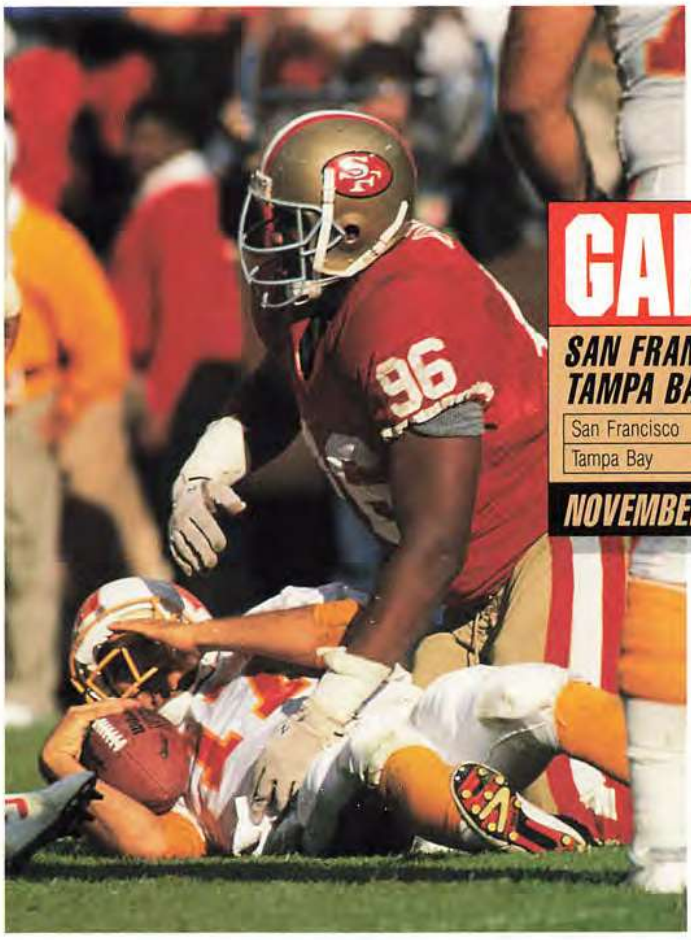
NOVEMBER 11, 1990

For the second time in the 1990 season, the 49ers held an opponent without a touchdown, and with a defensive performance like that, the result was fairly predictable: another road victory, this one far easier than that battle royale the previous week in Green Bay.

The 49ers held the youthful Cowboys to just 158 yards in total defense, and limited quarterback Troy Aikman to nine completions in 21 attempts for 96 yards. "I thought we shut them down pretty good," said linebacker Matt Millen, who had an interception. "Run-wise, they didn't do anything to us except for the first play (a 23-yard run by Emmitt Smith) when we missed a bunch of tackles. I thought we completely controlled them after that. It was a great effort because they've been performing."

As so often has been the case, the 49er offense set up the defense, controlling the ball for 40 of the game's 60 minutes. Much of that ball control could be credited to the running game, which had been absent much of the season. The 49ers rushed 35 times for 107 yards, their third-best total of 1990. "We felt we could do more on the ground," coach George Seifert said. "They play pass defense well. They disguise their coverages well and for the most part don't give you big plays through the air. So we thought we would have to run more to win."

Despite the emphasis on defense and the running game, in many familiar ways this game was another installment of the Joe and Jerry Show. Montana completed 27 of 37 passes for 290 yards and a touchdown. Rice caught 12 passes for 147 yards, including a leaping, one-handed 7-yard touchdown in the second quarter that was clearly highlight-film material.



GAME 10

SAN FRANCISCO 31 TAMPA BAY 7

San Francisco	7	10	7	7	31
Tampa Bay	0	0	7	0	7

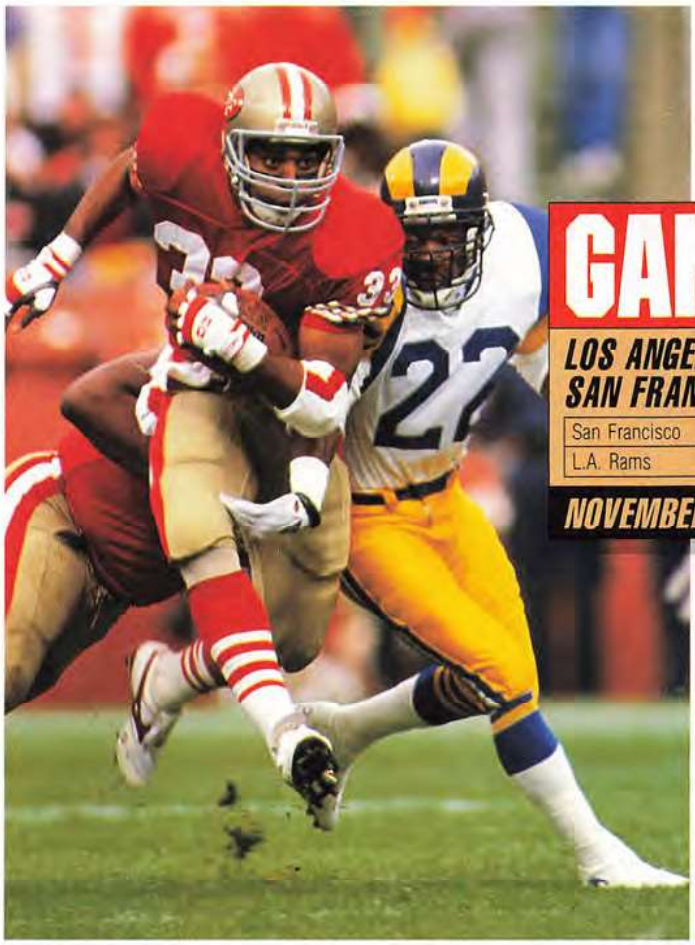
NOVEMBER 18, 1990

The Buccaneers weren't the most-feared foe in the National Football League, but the results were historic on this Sunday afternoon at Candlestick Park, as the 49ers won their 18th straight game, tying the all-time league record held by the Chicago Bears of 1933-34 and 1941-42 and the Miami Dolphins of 1972-73. San Francisco's 10-0 mark in 1990 also matched the best start in the history of the franchise, a mark established by the 1948 49ers.

Almost to a man, however, the Niner players said that the records were not all that big a deal. "They really don't mean anything," said defensive lineman Pete Kugler. "Anybody who was here in 1987 remembers what happened. Eighty-seven was one of our best years. We were just blowing people away, and then we lost in the first round of the playoffs. We'll never forget that, and because of that we'll never get too confident."

The 49ers did enough things right against Tampa Bay to make this game a walk in the park. The offense rushed for a season-high 152 yards, Roger Craig scored his first running touchdown of the season, and tight end Brent Jones caught two passes for TDs among his six receptions. "We've always been able to throw the ball to backs, and tight ends are taking more of that load," coach George Seifert said. "Jones is somebody you have to deal with."

The defense was even better, sacking Tampa Bay quarterback Chris Chandler seven times, hurrying him on nearly every down and forcing him to scramble laterally time after time. "I prepared to play in a tough situation all week, but I don't think I've ever been sacked that many times on any level," the beleaguered Chandler said. "I know I've never been hit that many times."



GAME 11

LOS ANGELES RAMS 28 SAN FRANCISCO 17

San Francisco	0	7	10	0	17
L.A. Rams	7	14	0	7	28

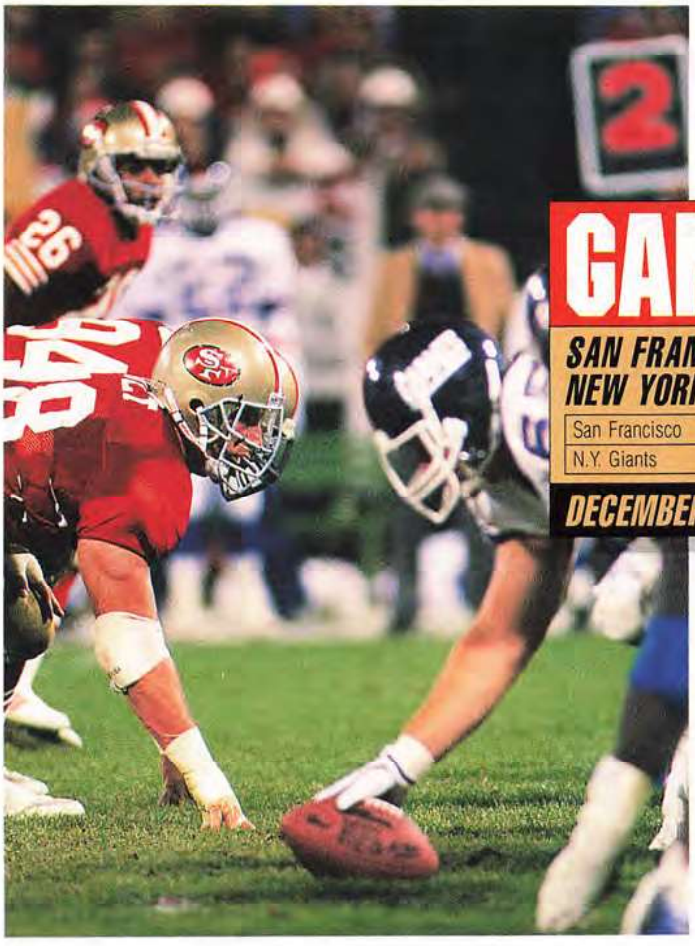
NOVEMBER 25, 1990

It was obvious as early as the first quarter that this was not going to be another ho-hum march into the history books by the 49ers. More than anything, six San Francisco turnovers denied the team of a chance to be the only NFL team ever to win 19 consecutive games. "This should force us to focus even more," said coach George Seifert. "This will hurt for a few days. It is a painful loss. But next week (against the New York Giants) looms even more now. We have to shake this off."

For any team not so familiar with success, that might have been difficult. The six turnovers were the most by the 49ers since they gave up the ball seven times in the 1985 season opener. Joe Montana threw three interceptions for the first time since Sept. 18, 1988. The 49ers could gain just 51 yards rushing. And the defense, which had given up only one rushing touchdown in 10 games, surrendered three to the Rams.

But the killing blow was a 90-yard drive by Los Angeles in the fourth quarter. The 49ers were still on the short, but perhaps manageable, end of a 21-17 deficit when that march began. But Los Angeles then went almost the length of the field for a score, taking up a gargantuan amount of time (10 minutes and 37 seconds) in the process. "That was the longest drive I've ever been involved in," said 49er linebacker Keith DeLong.

The spirits definitely weren't drooping in the 49er locker room after the defeat, however. "Things like this happen," said defensive end Charles Haley. "The sky is still the limit for this team."



GAME 12

SAN FRANCISCO 7 NEW YORK GIANTS 3

San Francisco	0	7	0	0	7
N.Y. Giants	0	3	0	0	3

DECEMBER 3, 1990

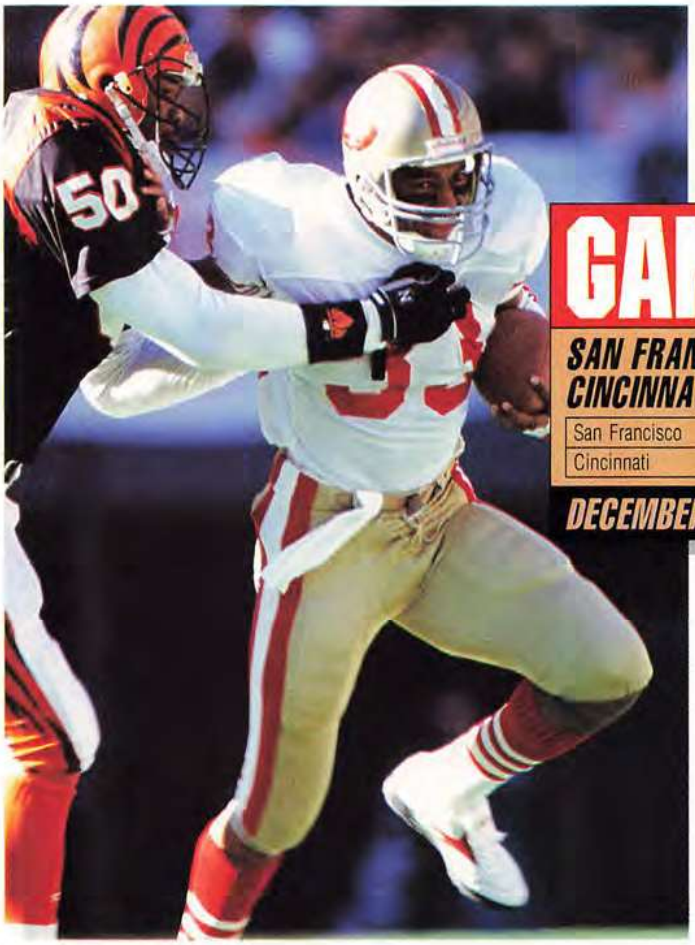
Some found it boring, some found it exhilarating. But without question, this was an old-fashioned football game between two once-beaten teams — football stripped of all the fluff and most of the points. "It wasn't run-and-shoot football, was it?" 49er linebacker Matt Millen said.

The Giants' only points came late in the first half, on Matt Bahr's field goal. The 49er's only points came shortly after, when, from the New York 23-yard line, Joe Montana threw a perfect pass to a sliding John Taylor for a touchdown. "It was a real helpless feeling," Giants cornerback Mark Collins said. "When the safety was taken away by play action, I had to cover Taylor all alone. Give him credit. Montana put it in a perfect spot."

And then the defense — particularly the 49er defense — took over. In the fourth quarter, the Giants got to the San Francisco 9-yard line, thanks in no small measure to a bit of serendipity. New York quarterback Phil Simms had fumbled when hit by Kevin Fagan, but the ball bounced directly into the hands of Giants running back Ottis Anderson, who ran for 19 yards with the gift. In four tries from the nine, however, Simms could get nothing. His fourth-down pass was tipped away by cornerback Darryl Pollard.

With just three seconds to play, New York had a last-gasp try from the 49er 26-yard line, but Simms was sacked by Fagan this time. More brilliant defense.

"This was the best defensive effort we've had against a really quality team," coach George Seifert said. "We've had some great efforts in the past, but I certainly think this is top of the list. It was one of the more emotional efforts I've ever been involved with."



GAME 13

SAN FRANCISCO 20 CINCINNATI 17

San Francisco	7	0	7	3	3	20
Cincinnati	7	0	3	7	0	17

DECEMBER 9, 1990

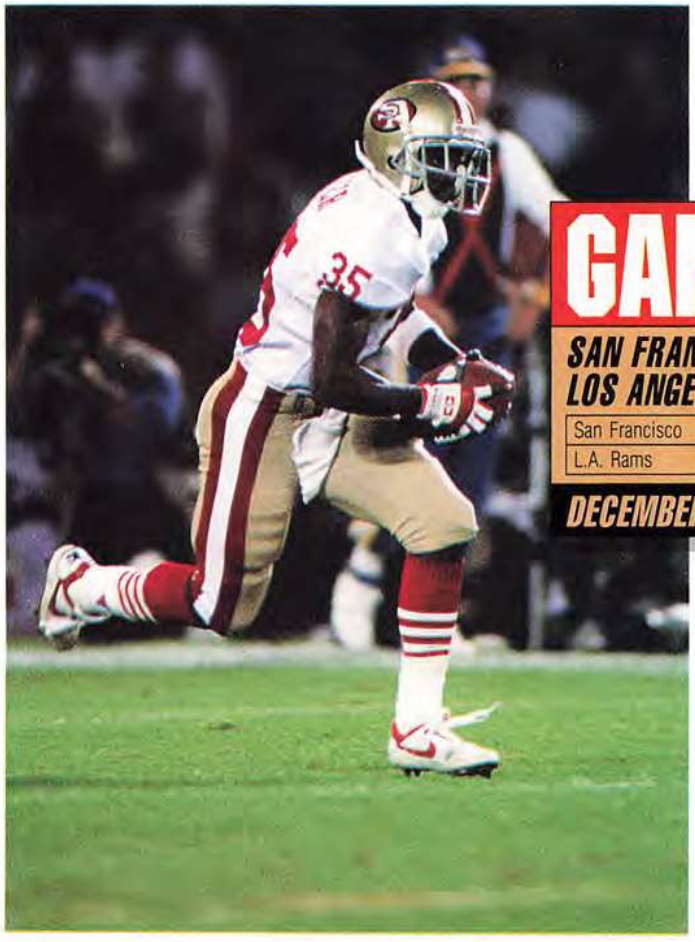
Jerry Rice sets high standards. The 49er superstar receiver came into the game saying, "I've been on vacation the last two weeks. I've been in the Bahamas. I'm just trying to get back now." After catching eight passes for 101 yards in an overtime win over the Bengals, Rice was asked if he thought he was back. "Nah, I'm still on vacation," he said, "I think I'm halfway back."

Rice, who tied a dubious personal record by failing to score a touchdown for the fourth straight game, still was very productive when it counted most, and served as a perfect offensive complement to an aggressive running game that ground out 202 yards, a season high by 50 yards.

On a drive that led to a game-tying field goal by Mike Cofer in the fourth quarter, Rice got things going with a 29-yard reception to the Cincinnati 32-yard line. And after San Francisco won the coin toss to start the overtime period, Rice caught three passes for 40 yards on the 75-yard drive that led to Cofer's winning field goal.

"We believe we've got guys who can make the plays in the clutch situations," Rice said. "I look forward to opportunities like that. If I get my hands on the ball I feel I can do something with it. I was just glad to help out." So was Cofer, who said of his decisive field goal: "I felt good in the overtime mainly because I kicked well in regulation. I felt like the offense could have gone ahead and pushed it in for a touchdown, but I was ready."

So was the defense, which was minus backs Ronnie Lott, Eric Wright and Chet Brooks but still held Cincinnati quarterback Boomer Esiason to just 114 yards passing on 12 of 20 completions as rookie Eric Davis (among others) played well.



GAME 14

SAN FRANCISCO 26 LOS ANGELES 10

San Francisco	3	13	3	7	26	
L.A. Rams	0	7	3	0	10	

DECEMBER 17, 1990

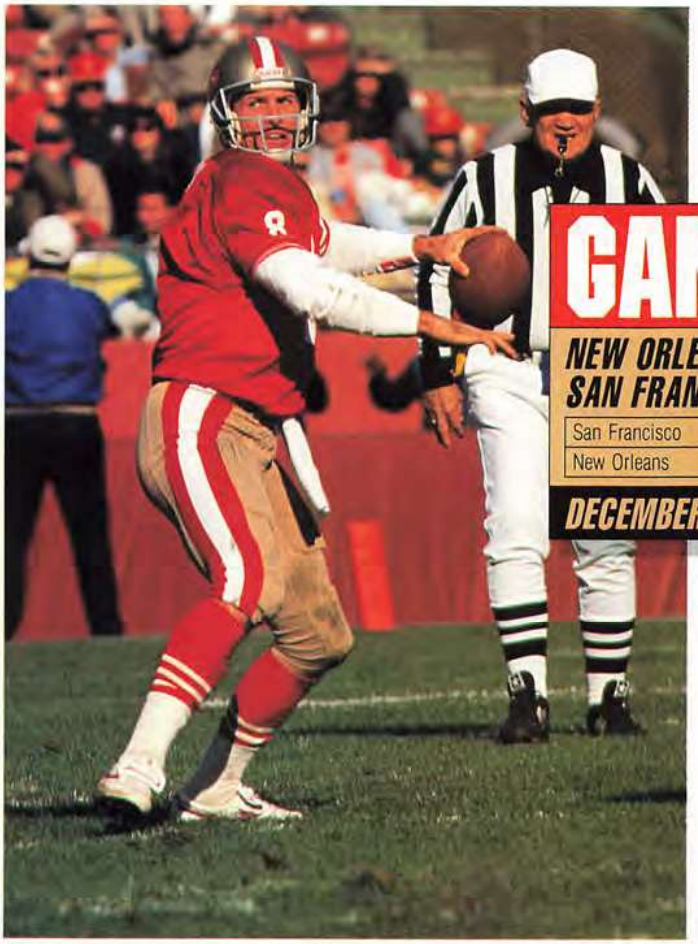
Good things came to pass, and run, as they usually do for the 49ers at Anaheim Stadium. Joe Montana has had better days, but he still improved his record against the Rams in Southern California to 9-0, throwing for 219 yards and a 60-yard touchdown to Jerry Rice in the second quarter. It was Rice's first TD reception in five weeks, and his first against the Rams since 1987.

Meanwhile, rookie Dexter Carter was having his most productive day as a professional, scooting and scampering for 124 yards on 13 carries, the biggest a 74-yard touchdown dash early in the fourth quarter. "George Seifert brought me in here to do some specific things and I think I'm doing them more and more — little by little," Carter said. "I want to be a total back. I think I'm really getting some believers on my side."

With the win this foul-filled game (San Francisco was called for 12 penalties, Los Angeles for 10), the 49ers not only captured their 17th straight road game, an ongoing NFL record, and pushed their season's mark to 13-1, but they also clinched home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

"It feels good to know we'll have the first game at home," said Seifert. "The important thing is we won't have to go into Chicago or New York with the inclement weather."

Seifert's players continued to play it cautious, though. "The season is still under construction," guard Guy McIntyre said. "We have a ways to go on it. When it's the playoffs, we have to be fine-tuned and ready to go." Added defensive end Pierce Holt, "We can't relax. We can't go out there sloppy; we have to keep our momentum going."



GAME 15

NEW ORLEANS 13 SAN FRANCISCO 10

San Francisco	7	0	0	3	10
New Orleans	7	3	0	3	13

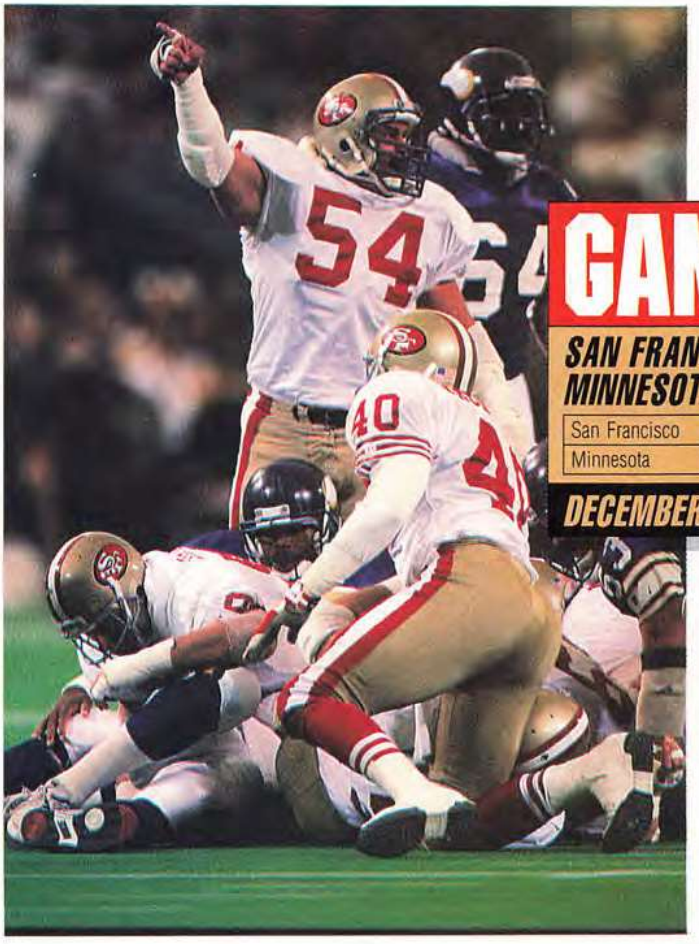
DECEMBER 23, 1990

The wisdom of not looking too far ahead was born out in a three-point loss to the Saints at Candlestick Park, a loss rendered somewhat less meaningful by the fact that Ronnie Lott, Roger Craig, and Joe Montana didn't dress for the game.

In Montana's stead, backup Steve Young did well, scrambling for 102 yards and passing for 208, but he was sacked four times and fumbled once. That miscue was one of four 49er fumbles, which caused Seifert to say, "It was not a good performance at all. We put way too much pressure on our defense with the fumbles. We've got to do a lot of things — coaches, players, everybody — better than we did today."

The last fumble precipitated only the fourth defeat for Seifert in his 34 games since he took over as 49er head coach. At the New Orleans 20-yard line with 53 second to play in the game, Dexter Carter mishandled Young's handoff on a draw play, and linebacker Rickey Jackson recovered for the Saints, who ran out the clock for the victory. The margin of difference was a Morten Andersen field goal.

"The 49ers are a great team," said Saints linebacker Sam Mills, "but if you look around, there isn't too much difference between the best and the rest in the National Football League. Montana obviously makes a big difference. Without him, any team would not be quite as good. Steve Young kept us busy with all that running, but that isn't the way you keep an offense moving consistently."



GAME 16

SAN FRANCISCO 20 MINNESOTA 17

San Francisco	0	0	3	17	20
Minnesota	3	7	0	7	17

DECEMBER 30, 1990

Joe Montana and Steve Young split time in the regular-season finale and it was Young, rather than Montana, who led the 49er comeback in the second half. Forced to play catch up from a 10-0 halftime deficit, Young did the prudent thing: he threw to Jerry Rice. In the first half, Rice had just one reception. But he finished with nine for 118 yards, and that gave him an even 100 for the season, as he became only the fourth player in NFL history to reach the century mark.

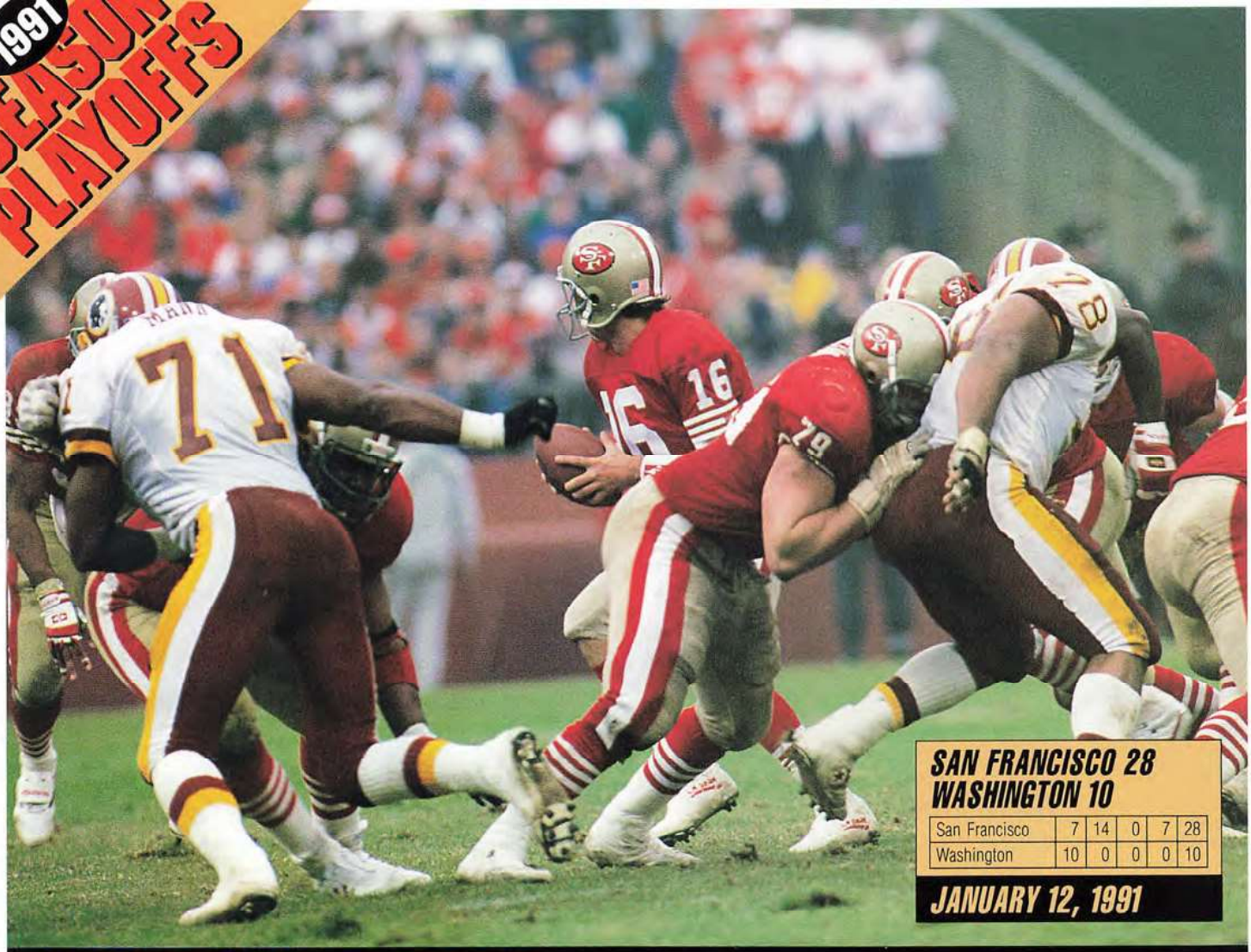
The biggest pass by Young, who completed 15 of 24 passes for 205 yards, went not to Rice but to his wide receiver running mate, John Taylor, this one a 34-yard touchdown strike with only 29 seconds remaining in the game. Taylor ran a deep crossing pattern right to left into an apparent zone defense. Rice ran a post route to clear out free safety Darrell Fullington. Taylor caught the ball on the 15-yard line and high-stepped into the end zone.

"He just exploded," Rice said in admiration. "The thing about 'JT' is, once he catches the football, he can break it. The most exciting thing is when you catch the football. The play is just beginning."

Young was just glad to get a rare chance to show what he can do. "The win was a huge, good feeling for the team," he said. "It's 49er playoff time. Time to get going. I just want to be a part of the 49ers and make it happen. We have 45 guys on the team and we have three big games ahead of us, I hope. I want to be a reason why we're there."

With a 14-2 regular season behind him, George Seifert was looking ahead, too. "Going into the playoffs with two straight losses would not have been good," he said. "This allows us to have a better feeling."

1991 SEASON PLAYOFFS



SAN FRANCISCO 28
WASHINGTON 10

San Francisco	7	14	0	7	28
Washington	10	0	0	0	10

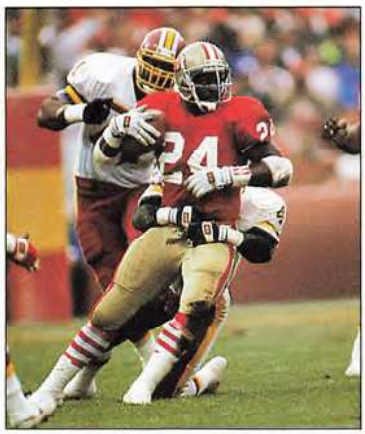
JANUARY 12, 1991

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Anyone who witnessed this game very likely will never forget the sight of 310-pound nose tackle Michael Carter chugging 61 yards with an interception for a touchdown in the final minute. But that was window dressing. Large window dressing assuredly, but window dressing, nonetheless. Joe Montana and his receivers were primarily responsible for this victory.

Montana completed 22 of 31 passes for 274 yards and two touchdowns and the stubborn Redskins eventually wilted under this blitzkrieg at Candlestick Park, then exited shaking their heads over the skills of the man who had beaten them.

"He's a one-man wrecking crew," Washington defensive end Charles Mann said of Montana. "There's no question he puts that team on a different level," said defensive tackle Darryl Grant. "He's a phenom. For a guy to lay the ball in there the way he does is just incredible." And Redskins defensive coordinator Richie Petitbon said, "Everything a quarterback has to have, he has. Maybe that's why he makes $4 million."



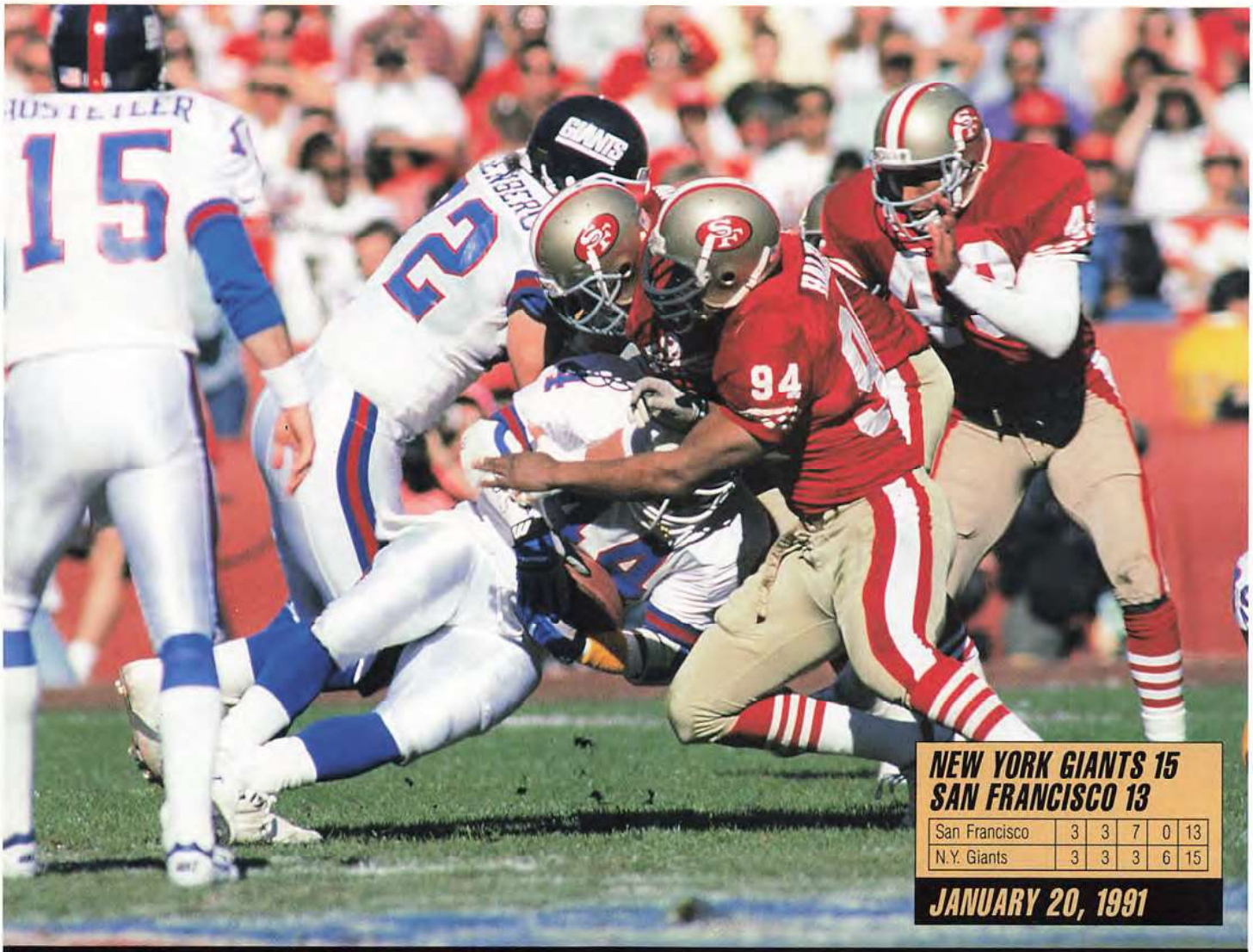
Several of the Redskins still seemed in shock over a second-quarter touchdown pass that Montana lasered to Jerry Rice in the back of the end zone. Skins cornerback Darrell Green got so close to that pass he almost touched it. "I'm not sure I didn't touch it," he said. "Rice wasn't my man on the play because we were in a zone, but I came over to help. I lost the ball for just a moment, and Montana bought time and somehow got it in there. Amazing."

He was asked if any other quarterback could have done the same thing. "There aren't many Joe Montana's," Green said.

"This is a game of inches, seconds and milliseconds," Redskin quarterback Mark Rypien said, "and none of them worked in our favor today."

It took some good fortune for the 49ers to win this one, but coach George Seifert said he thought at least part of the luck was a residue of design. He said he sensed the 49ers were ready to play their first meaningful game in nearly a month. "I could tell in practice," he said. "The last week was the best week of practice we've had in two months, maybe five months. Heck, the whole season."

The players continued to take them one game at a time, though, and their comments would prove prophetic. "I said going into the playoffs we hadn't played the total game we wanted to play,' said guard Guy McIntyre. "We still haven't." Defensive end Charles Haley said, "We're still looking for the perfect game, where we can be dominant on both sides of the ball."



NEW YORK GIANTS 15
SAN FRANCISCO 13

San Francisco	3	3	7	0	13
N.Y. Giants	3	3	3	6	15

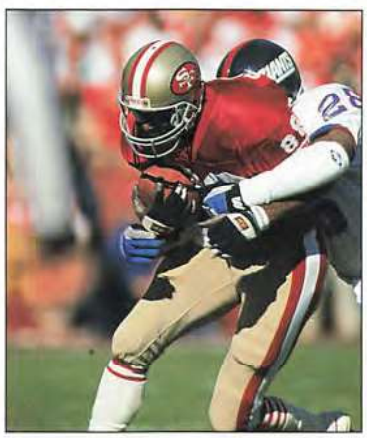
JANUARY 20, 1991

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

This was not to be the total game Guy McIntyre was talking about, or the perfect game Charles Haley was looking for. This was to be a game of frustration, a game that denied the 49ers a chance to make sports history as the first team ever to win three straight Super Bowls, and five overall. Seemingly on the verge of victory, the defending world champions instead were ushered out of the playoffs on the last of Matt Bahr's five field goals, this one as the clock ran out.

"It's by far the toughest loss I've ever had," said 49er free safety Ronnie Lott. "It's the type of loss that hurts now but one that's going to hurt more in the next few days," said coach George Seifert.

The 49ers admittedly didn't play as well as they had hoped they would, but they still were in position to win, 13-12, on Mike Cofer field goals of 47 and 35 yards and a 61-yard, third-quarter touchdown pass from Joe Montana to John Taylor. That one was a beauty, an out-and-go pattern down the left sideline on which Taylor deftly outmaneuvered Giants defensive back Everson Walls. "I was going for a knockdown, and I thought I got a hand on the ball, but he got two," said Walls, "and in this case two hands were definitely better than one."

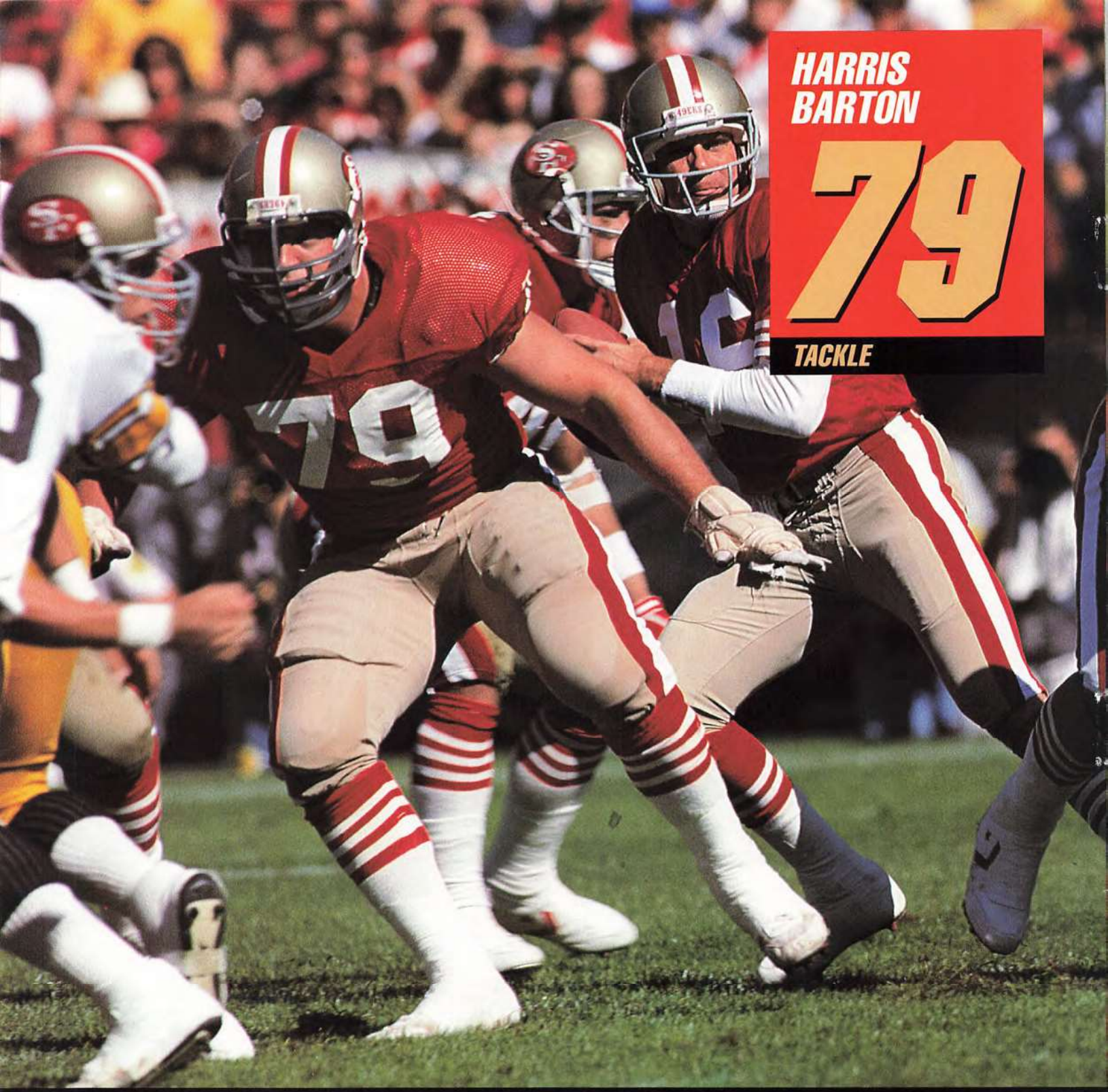


Montana had been knocked out of the game in the fourth quarter when he was hit from behind by defensive end Leonard Marshall, sustaining a bruised sternum and a broken hand, but the 49ers were moving smartly down the field under backup Steve Young, and appeared capable of killing the remaining time in the game.

Then, with 2:36 left, New York nose tackle Erik Howard poked the ball away from 49er running back Roger Craig at the Giants' 40-yard line, and Lawrence Taylor snatched it out of midair. Seven plays after the decisive fumble recovery, Giants quarterback Jeff Hostetler, himself a backup filling in for the injured Phil Simms, drove his team into position for Bahr's field goal.

"What caught up with us is we faced a good football team and we didn't execute all the things during the course of the game that we would have liked. Up until this point, we had a great season, an especially good season under the pressures," said George Seifert.

"This team was in a pressure cooker the whole year, every player, every coach, more than any since I've been with the 49ers. You're always under pressures, but this was much more because of what we were trying to achieve. To handle it the way they did, we take pride in that. The only bad thing is we weren't able to reap the final reward."



HARRIS BARTON

79

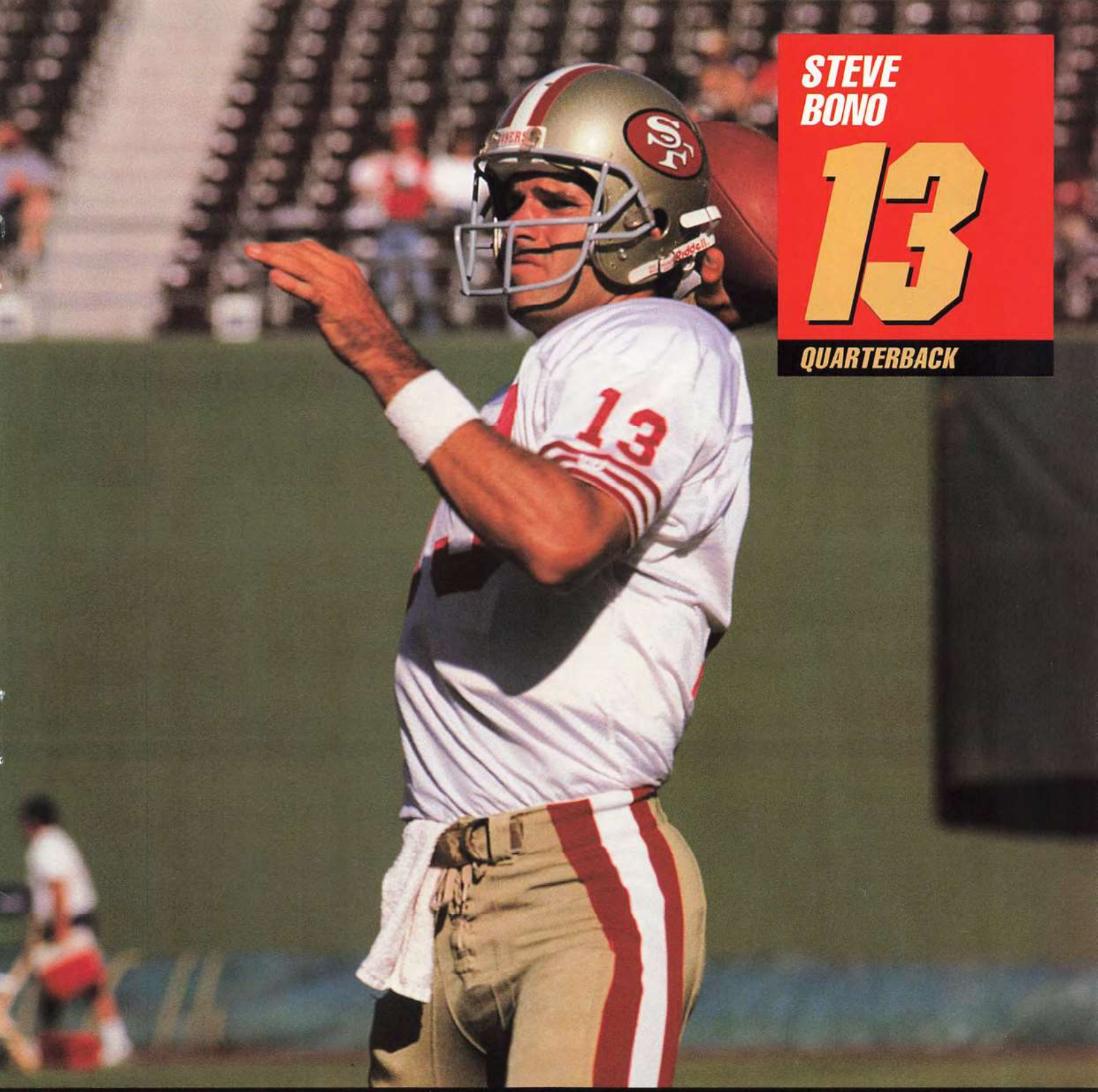
TACKLE

HT: 6-4, WT: 280, BORN: 4-19-64
NORTH CAROLINA, 5TH YEAR

PRO-FILE: *Versatile, consistent interior lineman who puts out a high effort level on every play ... Obsessed with bettering each previous performance.*

PERSONAL: *Born Harris Scott Barton in Atlanta, GA ... Was county MVP his senior season at Atlanta Dunwoody High ... Also participated in basketball and wrestling at Dunwoody ... Single, lives in Palo Alto, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Atlantic Coast Conference's Outstanding Offensive Lineman in '86 ... Four-year player who spent time at center during sophomore year ... All-ACC pick in '86, and on many All-America teams ... Also named to the NCAA All-America Scholar/Athlete Team ... Started every game as a junior in '85 at left tackle, and received Academic All-ACC honors ... Began sophomore season as Tarheels' starting center, before moving to left tackle in mid-season for remainder of his collegiate career ... Played in Japan Bowl.*



STEVE BONO

13

QUARTERBACK

HT: 6-4, WT: 215, BORN: 5-11-62
UCLA, 7TH YEAR (FA IN '89)

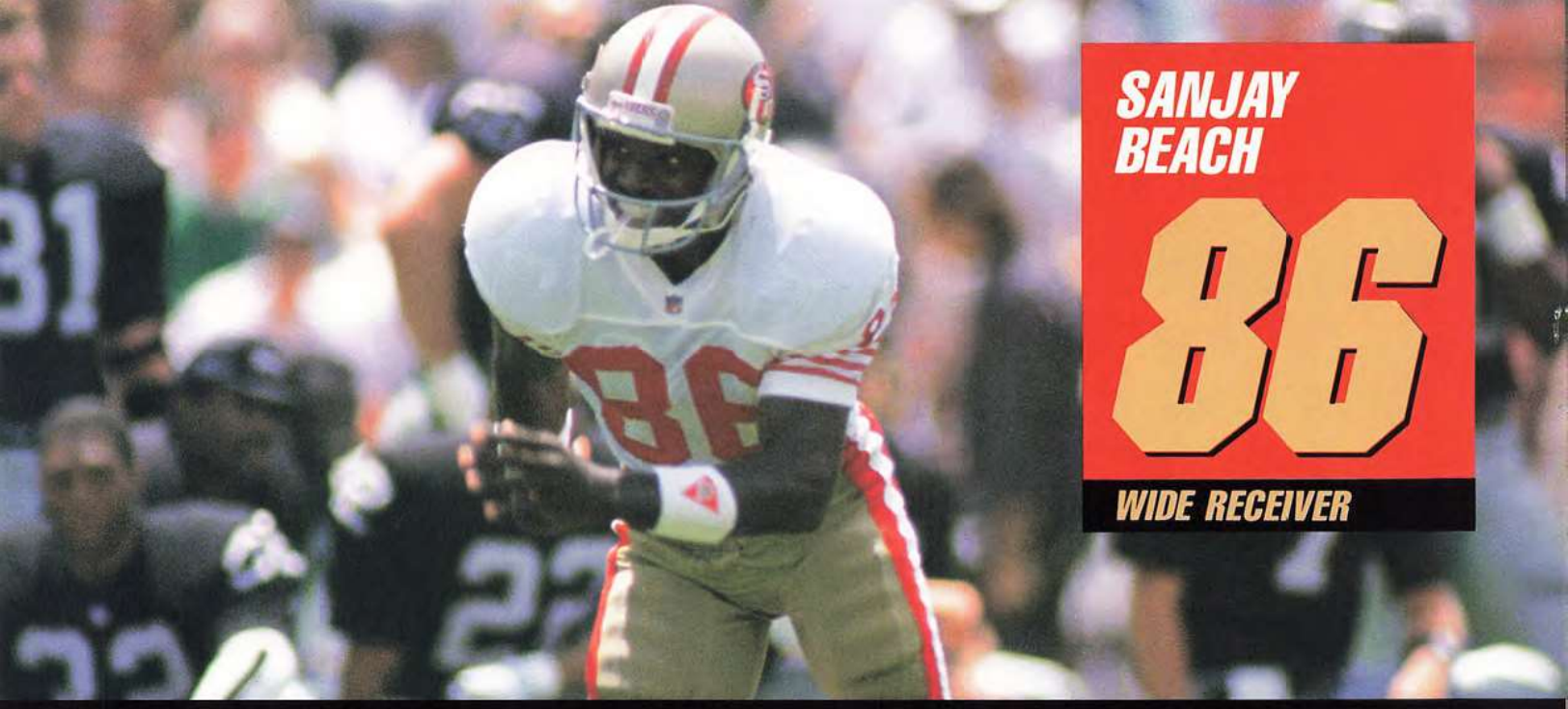
PASSING

ATT.	COMP.	YDS.	PCT.	INT.	LONG	TD	NFL RATING	G/S
125	50	618	.400	4	57	7	61.3	8/3

PRO-FILE: *Able athlete, though sparingly used... Serves as team's third quarterback in talent-laden position ... Has shown ability in very limited playing time.*

PERSONAL: *Born Steven Christopher Bono in Norristown, PA ... Earned All-America honors in football and baseball at Norristown High ... Also lettered in basketball ... He and his wife, Tina, live in Los Angeles, CA.*

COLLEGE: *UCLA's seventh ranked quarterback with 2,165 passing yards at conclusion of career ... Missed three games during senior campaign due to torn ligament in right ankle ... Established school record with 25 completions (399 yards) in first career start vs. Brigham Young ... Won four letters in football and one in baseball (catcher) ... Played in four bowl games: Rose (twice), Fiesta, and Bluebonnet.*



SANJAY BEACH

86

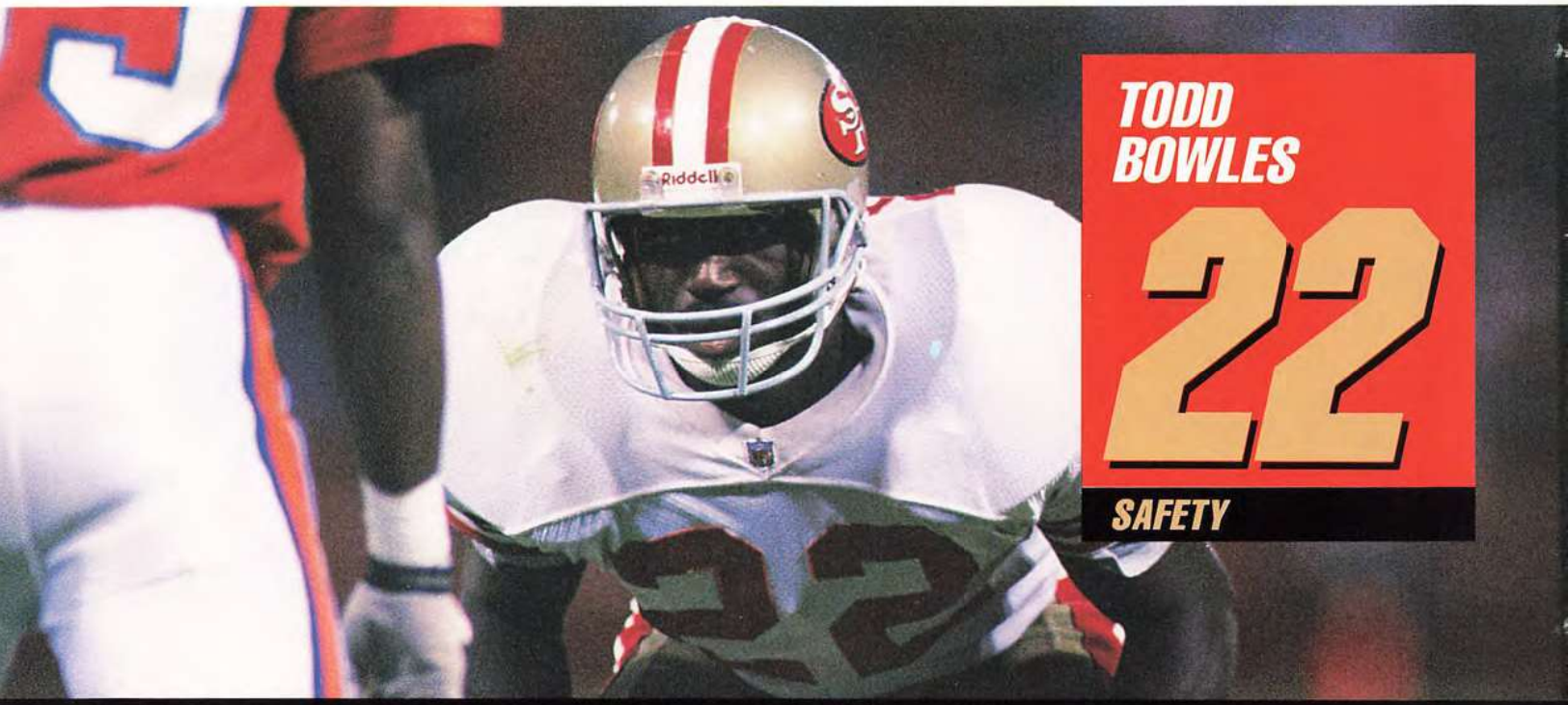
WIDE RECEIVER

HT: 6-1, WT: 190, BORN: 2-21-66
COLORADO STATE, 1ST YEAR

PRO-FILE: *Speedy, sure-handed receiver ... Excellent work ethic ... Impressive effort level during practice sessions.*

PERSONAL: *Born Sanjay Ragiv Beach at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines ... Son of a Jamaican born U.S. Air Force sergeant ... Mother is from India ... Name Sanjay means "sun" in Indian ... Played football and participated in track at Chandler (AZ) High ... Selected all-state and named scholar-athlete-of-the-year during senior season at Chandler ... He and wife (Kristy) live in San Jose, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Four-year letterman for Rams ... Totaled 85 receptions for 1,074 yards and three TDs ... Selected second-team All-WAC as a kick returner ... Had a 99-yard TD return in '87 ... Majored in speech communications.*



TODD BOWLES

22

SAFETY

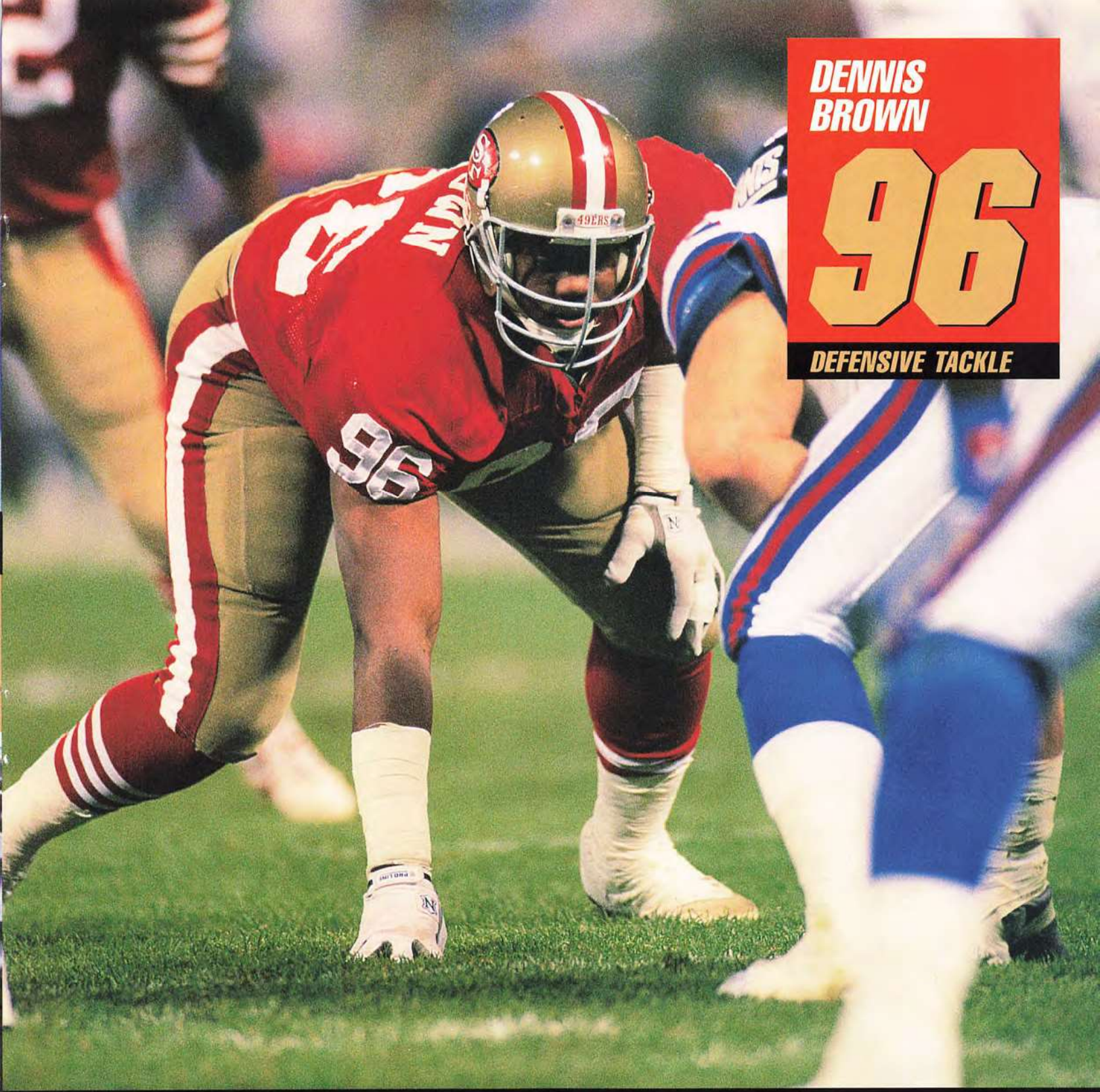
HT: 6-2, WT: 203, BORN: 11-18-63
TEMPLE, 6TH YEAR (FA IN '91)

TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS		FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	PASS DEF.	REC./YDS.	G/S
303	214	517	13/143	19	3/0	75/62

PRO-FILE: *Durable, intelligent, wily veteran ... Acts as coach on the field ... Adds depth to the secondary ... One of four defensive backs signed by the Niners as Plan B free agents in '91.*

PERSONAL: *Born Todd Bowles in Elizabeth, NJ ... Attended Elizabeth (NJ) High ... He and wife (Audrey) live in Sterling, VA.*

COLLEGE: *Missed five games as senior at Temple due to dislocated wrist ... All-East safety while recording 89 tackles, four sacks, and three interceptions as a junior ... Played in Blue-Gray Game ... Majored in criminal justice.*



DENNIS BROWN

96

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

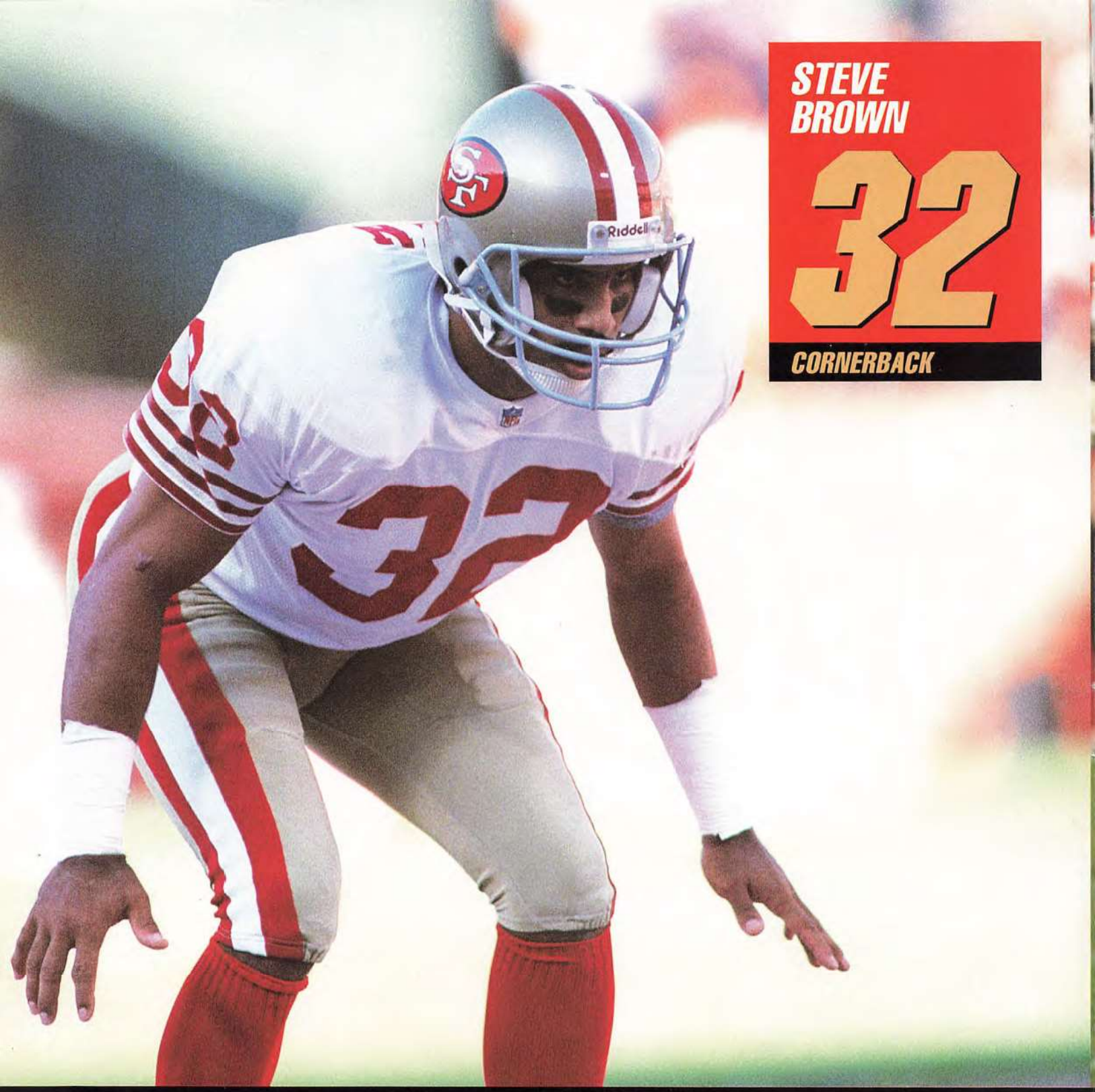
HT: 6-4, WT: 290, BORN: 11-6-67
WASHINGTON, 2ND YEAR

TACKLES			SACKS	INTERCEPTIONS	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	NO./YDS.	G/S
9	8	1	6/50	0/0	15/0

PRO-FILE: *Huge, powerful, explosive down lineman ... Can dominate at point of attack ... Strong, agile performer ... Has size and quickness.*

PERSONAL: *Born Dennis Trammel Brown in Los Angeles, CA ... Played football and put the shot in track at Long Beach (CA) Jordan High ... Three-year all-city football selection ... Second of three children ... Father is a Southern Baptist minister in Los Angeles ... Single.*

COLLEGE: *Two-time Outland Trophy nominee ... Played in East-West Shrine Game ... All-Pac 10 and second team All-America as a junior in '88 ... Set career highs in '87 with 72 total tackles, including nine sacks ... His 97-yards in losses were second best single season total in school history ... Starter for most of year as freshman in '86 ... Needs 36 units to complete degree in Anthropology.*



STEVE BROWN

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CORNERBACK

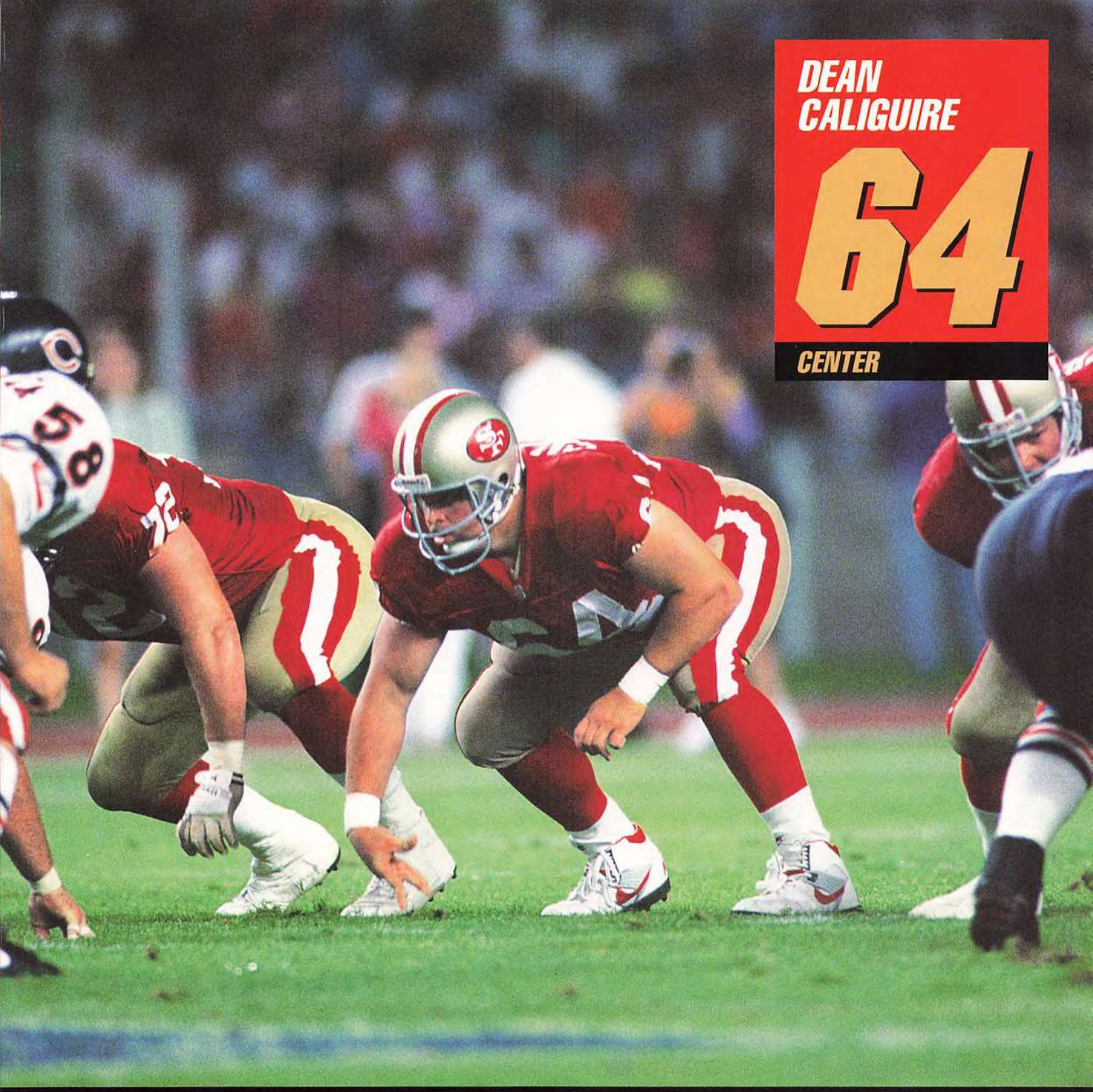
HT: 5-11, WT: 187, BORN: 3-20-60
OREGON, 9TH YEAR

TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS		FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	PASS DEF.	REC./YDS.	G/S
491	373	118	18/229	87	3/0	112/96

PRO-FILE: *Brings experience and depth to secondary ... Outstanding run defender ... Durable athlete who has been a starter virtually his entire career ... One of four defensive backs signed by Niners as Plan B free agents during '91 offseason.*

PERSONAL: *Born Steven Douglas Brown in Sacramento, CA ... Attended McClatchy High in Sacramento ... Lettered in football, tennis, and track ... Donates considerable time to Cystic Fibrosis, United Way, UNICEF, and Muscular Dystrophy Association ... Spent '87 offseason as an intern in the sports department of Houston's KTRK-TV (ABC) ... Sister Olivia was regular on NBC's "Miami Vice" and CBS' "Designing Women" ... Was featured along with sister in most popular United Way TV spots ... He and his wife (Michele) live in Missouri City, TX.*

COLLEGE: *Returned kicks all four seasons at Oregon ... Finished career with 78 returns for 1,868 yards (23.9 yard average) ... Registered 168 tackles, five fumble recoveries, and three interceptions as a defensive back for the Ducks ... Had 93-yard kickoff return for TD during junior season ... Led Pac-10 in punt return average (10.3) as a senior ... Also had a collegiate-best 70 tackles, three interceptions, and five fumble recoveries ... Was honorable mention All-America that season ... Majored in Psychology.*



DEAN CALIGUIRE

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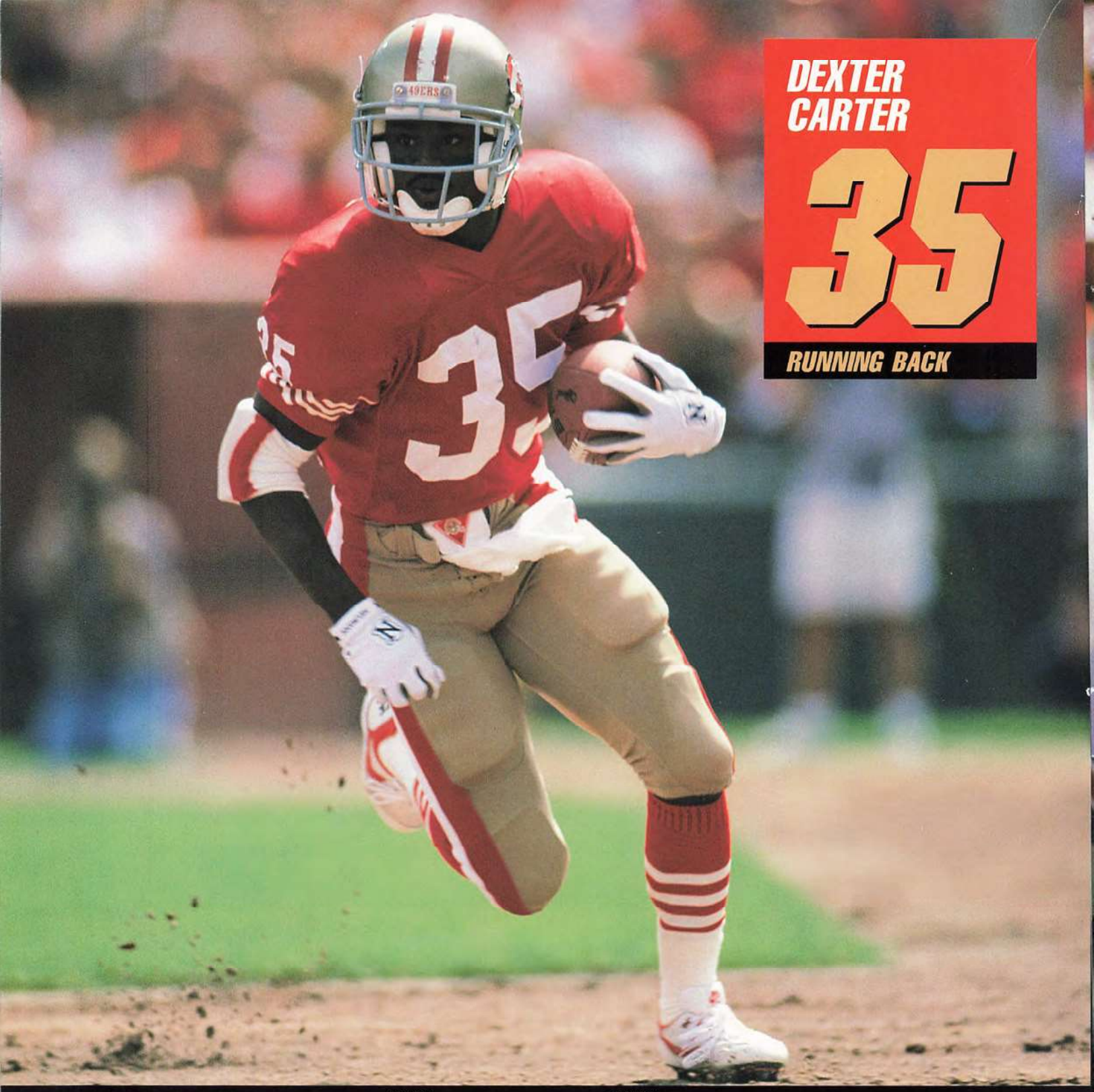
CENTER

HT: 6-2, WT: 282, BORN: 3-2-67
PITTSBURGH, 1ST YEAR

PRO-FILE: *Hard working, versatile player ... Has played both guard and center throughout career ... Strong, avid weight lifter.*

PERSONAL: *Born Dean Patrick Caliguire in Pittsburgh, PA ... Competed in football, basketball, and track at Montour High ... Starred as two-way all-state lineman ... Jersey number (76) was retired upon his graduation ... Youngest of four children ... Brother played offensive line at Temple University ... Single.*

COLLEGE: *All-East honors as a senior in '89, despite season being cut short by broken ankle in ninth game ...* Football News' *third team All-America and* The Sporting News' *honorable mention All-America ... First full year starting at center was junior season ('88) ... Started at guard in '87 ... Saw limited action at center and guard in '86 ... Redshirted as a freshman in '85 ... Twelve units short of degree in liberal arts ... Wants to attain teaching credential.*



DEXTER CARTER

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RUNNING BACK

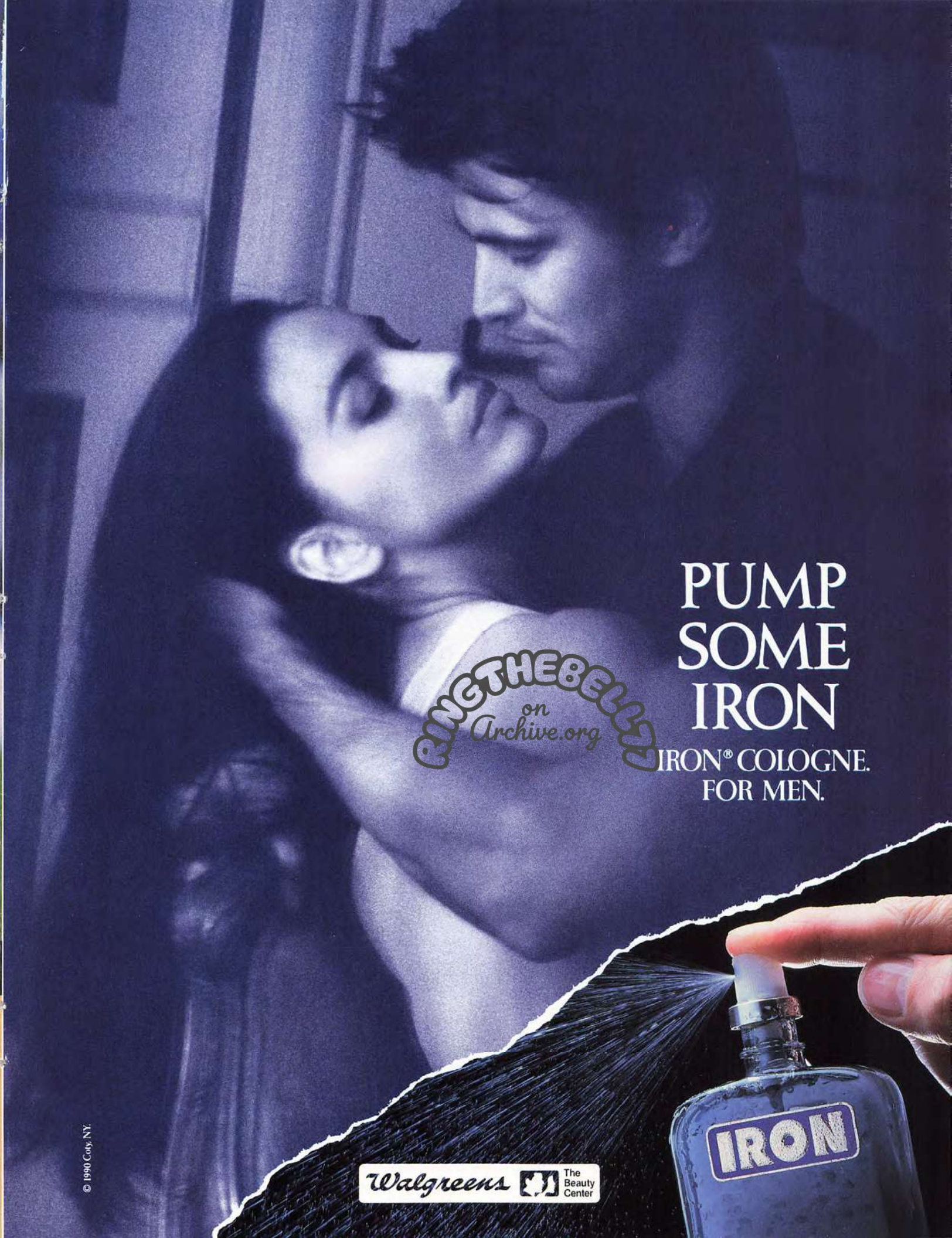
HT: 5-9, WT: 170, BORN: 9-15-67
FLORIDA STATE, 2ND YEAR

RUSHING					RECEIVING					
ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	NO.	YDS.	AVG	LONG	TD	G/S
114	460	4.0	74t	1	25	217	8.7	26	0	16/5

PRO-FILE: *All-purpose offensive talent ... Excellent runner, receiver, return specialist, and breakaway threat ... Possesses the speed and the ability to escape defenders.*

PERSONAL: *Born Dexter Anthony Carter in Baxley, GA ... Attended Appling County High ... MVP as a senior ... Also participated in baseball and track ... Qualified for state finals in both 100 meters (10.6) and 200 meters (23.5) ... Recorded a 23-foot long jump as a senior ... On wrestling team in sophomore season ... Third of five children ... Married the former Sheryl Ridgeway March 9, 1991 ... The couple lives in Sunnyvale, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Came on strong in '89 (senior season) while assuming full-time duties at tailback ...* Team Leader *with 684 rushing yards and 5.2 average per carry ... Best rushing performance (142 yards) in '89 was against Miami ... Capped season by averaging seven yards per attempt in Senior Bowl ... Selected honorable mention All-America ... Served as back-up to Sammie Smith (Dolphins' No. 1 selection in '89) as a junior ... Averaged better than 27 yards on 16 kickoff returns in '88 ... Rushed for '88 season high 119 yards on just 16 carries in victory over Virginia Tech ... Second leading rusher as a sophomore in '87 (679 yards) ... Played as a true freshman in '86.*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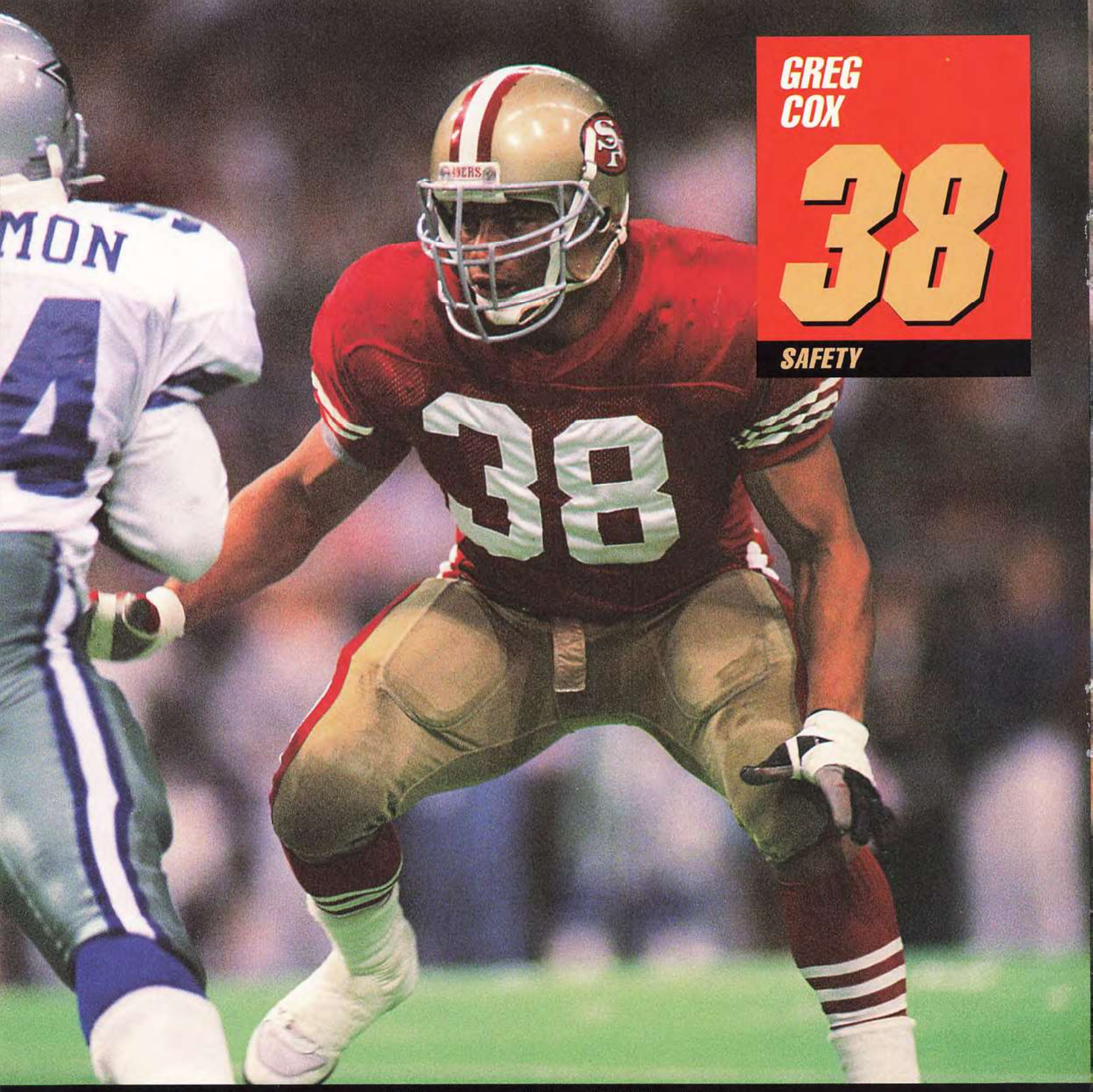

GREG COX

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SAFETY

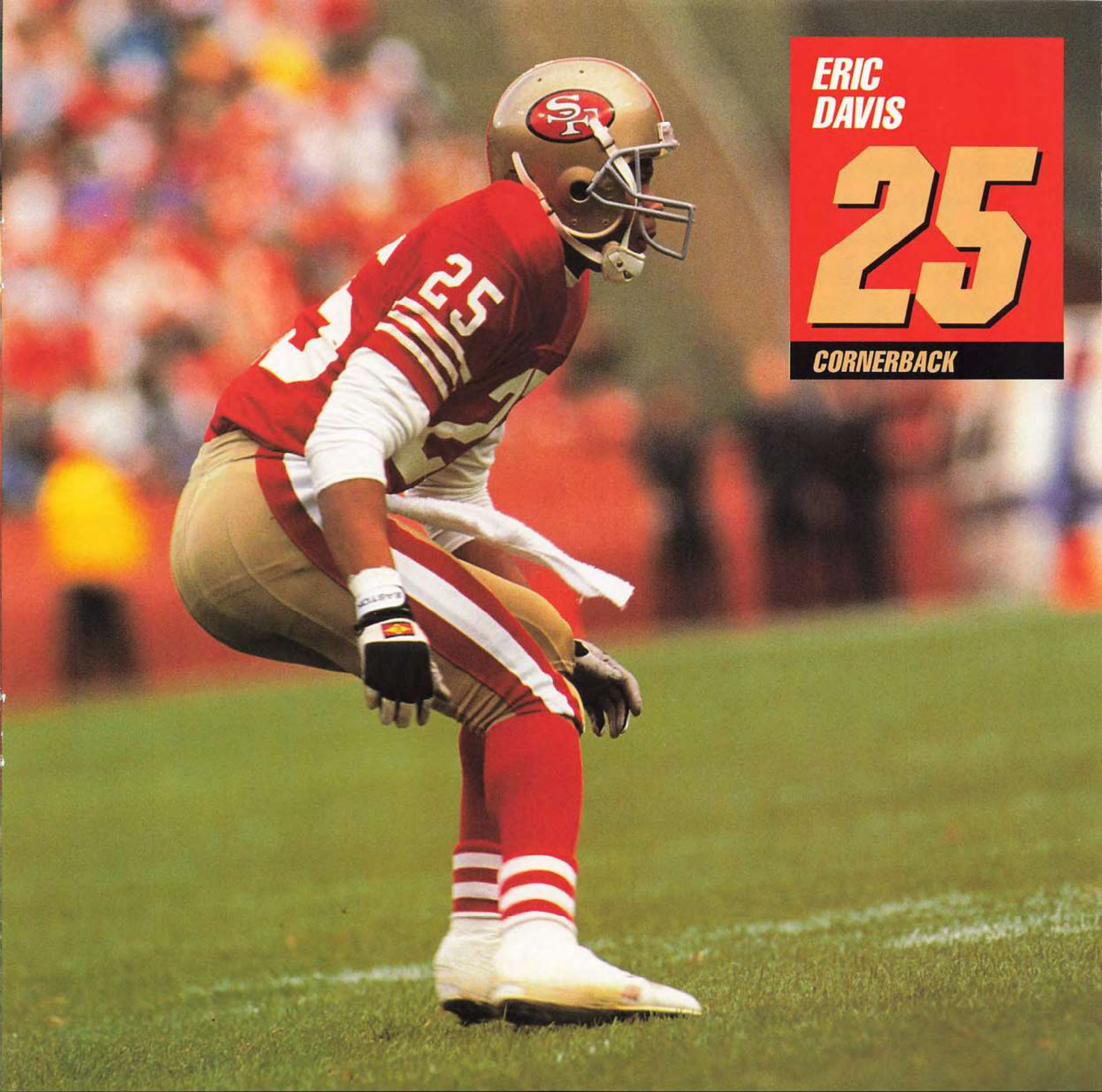
HT: 6-0, WT: 217, BORN: 1-6-65
SAN JOSE STATE, 4TH YEAR

TACKLES			SACKS	INTERCEPTIONS	FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	NO./YDS.	REC./YDS.	G/S
65	54	11	1/0	0/0	0/0	45/0

PRO-FILE: *Young, aggressive defender ... Earned his way into the NFL with intense special teams play ... Returned to the 49ers as a Plan B free agent in 1990 after playing for the N.Y. Giants in '89.*

PERSONAL: *Born Gregory Mark Cox in Niagara Falls, NY ... Attended Walnut Ridge High in Columbus, OH ... All-conference in both football and wrestling ... Married (Chrissy), the couple lives in San Jose, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Played linebacker and roverback at San Jose State ... All-PCAA in 1987, finishing second on team in tackles (87) and second in interceptions (3) ... Led Spartans with 98 tackles as a junior ... Named second team All-PCAA in '86 ... Transferred from Hartnell JC.*



ERIC DAVIS

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CORNERBACK

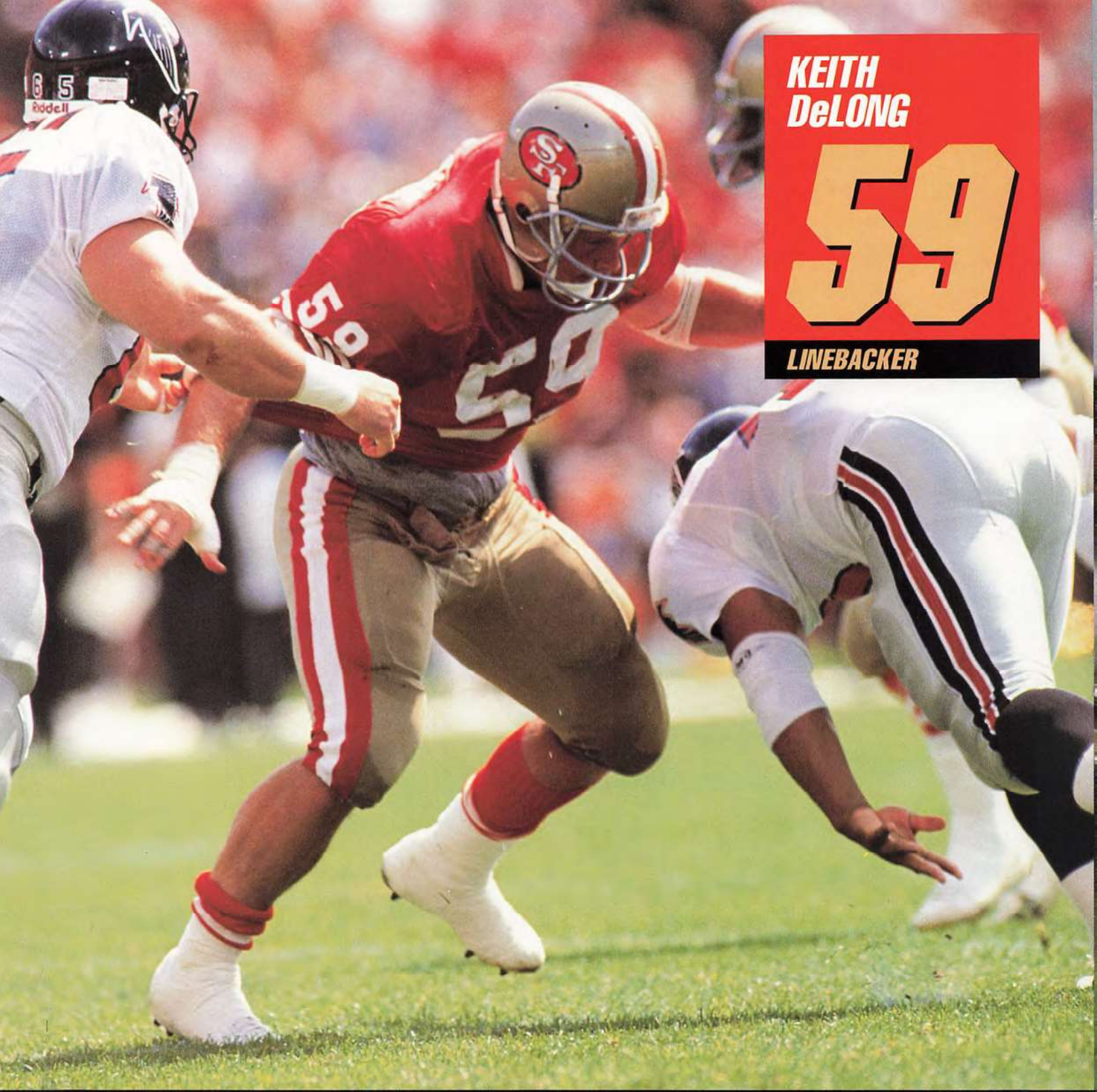
HT: 5-11, WT: 178, BORN: 1-26-68
JACKSONVILLE STATE, 2ND YEAR

TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS		FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	PASS DEF.	REC./YDS.	G/S
21	20	1	1/13	5	1/34	16/0

PRO-FILE: *Exceptional player who combines intelligence with athletic ability.*

PERSONAL: *Born Eric Wayne Davis in Anniston, AL ... Competed in football and track at Anniston High ... Played quarterback on football team ... Fourth of five children ... Single.*

COLLEGE: *Played safety early in career, before being moved to cornerback ... All-Gulf South Conference and Division II All-America as a senior ... Recorded six interceptions and 12 passes defensed ... Returned one pick-off 90 yards for a score versus West Georgia ... Had two interceptions against Valdosta State ... Had eight tackles and five passes defensed while leading team to Division II championship game ... Established career high with 53 total tackles in '88 ... Just 12 units shy of degree in marketing ... Minor is Finance.*



KEITH DeLONG

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LINEBACKER

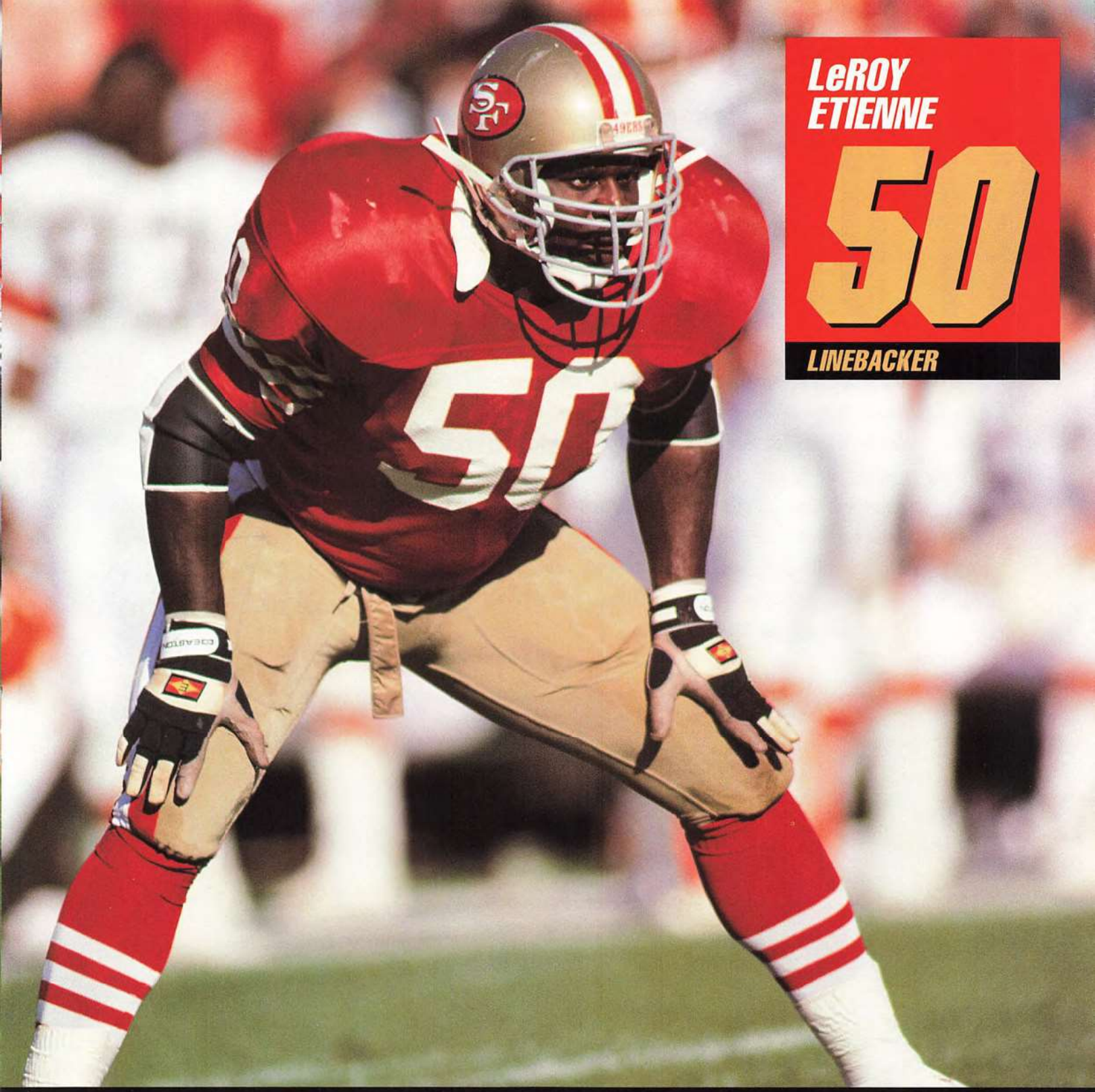
HT: 6-2, WT: 235, BORN: 8-14-67
TENNESSEE, 3RD YEAR

TACKLES			SACKS	INTERCEPTIONS	FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	NO./YDS.	REC./YDS.	G/S
62	50	12	0/0	1/1	2/0	31/13

PRO-FILE: *Ever improving, willing young talent ... Displays lateral movement and strong football instincts ... Developing into vital element of 49ers' defense.*

PERSONAL: *Born Keith Allen DeLong in San Diego, CA ... Grew up in Lawrence, KS, where he led Lawrence High to an 11-1 record and state championship as a senior ... Father Steve, an All-America nose tackle at Tennessee, played for the San Diego Chargers (1965-71) and Chicago Bears ('72) ... Uncle Keith was an All-America tight end for Vols ... Single, lives in Santa Clara, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Led team in total tackles during junior and senior seasons ... Finished career 10th on all-time Volunteers' tackles list with 330 total stops ... All-America selection by AP, UPI, and* The Sporting News *... Had 159 total stops in '88, of which 117 were solo hits, and forced four fumbles, picked off two passes, and recorded two sacks ... All-SEC and Academic All-America as a junior in '87 ... Started opening game of sophomore season, recording 10 tackles, but was slowed by back injury during year ... Played as "true freshman" in '85, registering 19 total stops ... Majored in business.*



LeROY ETIENNE

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LINEBACKER

HT: 6-2, WT: 245, BORN: 7-25-66
NEBRASKA, 2ND YEAR

TACKLES			SACKS	INTERCEPTIONS	FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	NO./YDS.	REC./YDS.	G/S
10	10	0	0/0	0/0	0/0	10/0

PRO-FILE: *Big, hard-nosed 'backer ... Surprise of '90 training camp ... Made valuable contributions on Niners' special teams ... Should add depth to inside linebacker position.*

PERSONAL: *Born LeRoy Joseph Etienne in Lafayette, LA ... Participated in football, basketball, and track at New Iberia High ... Single, lives in San Jose, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Three-year starter for Cornhuskers ... All-Big 8 by AP and UPI and honorable mention All-America as a senior in '88 ... Led special teams in tackles during 1986-87 seasons.*

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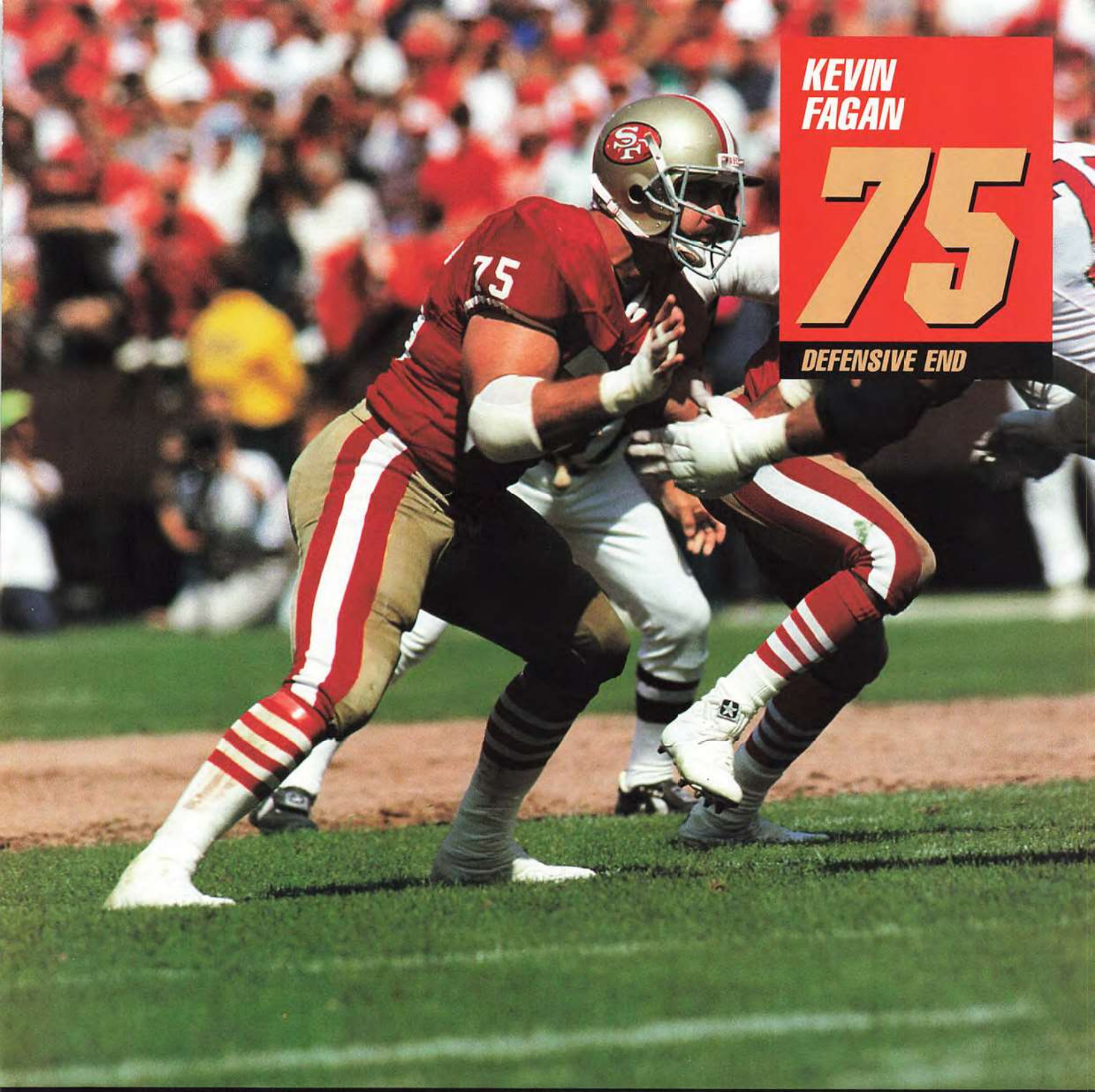

KEVIN FAGAN

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DEFENSIVE END

HT: 6-3, WT: 260, BORN: 4-25-63
MIAMI (FL), 4TH YEAR

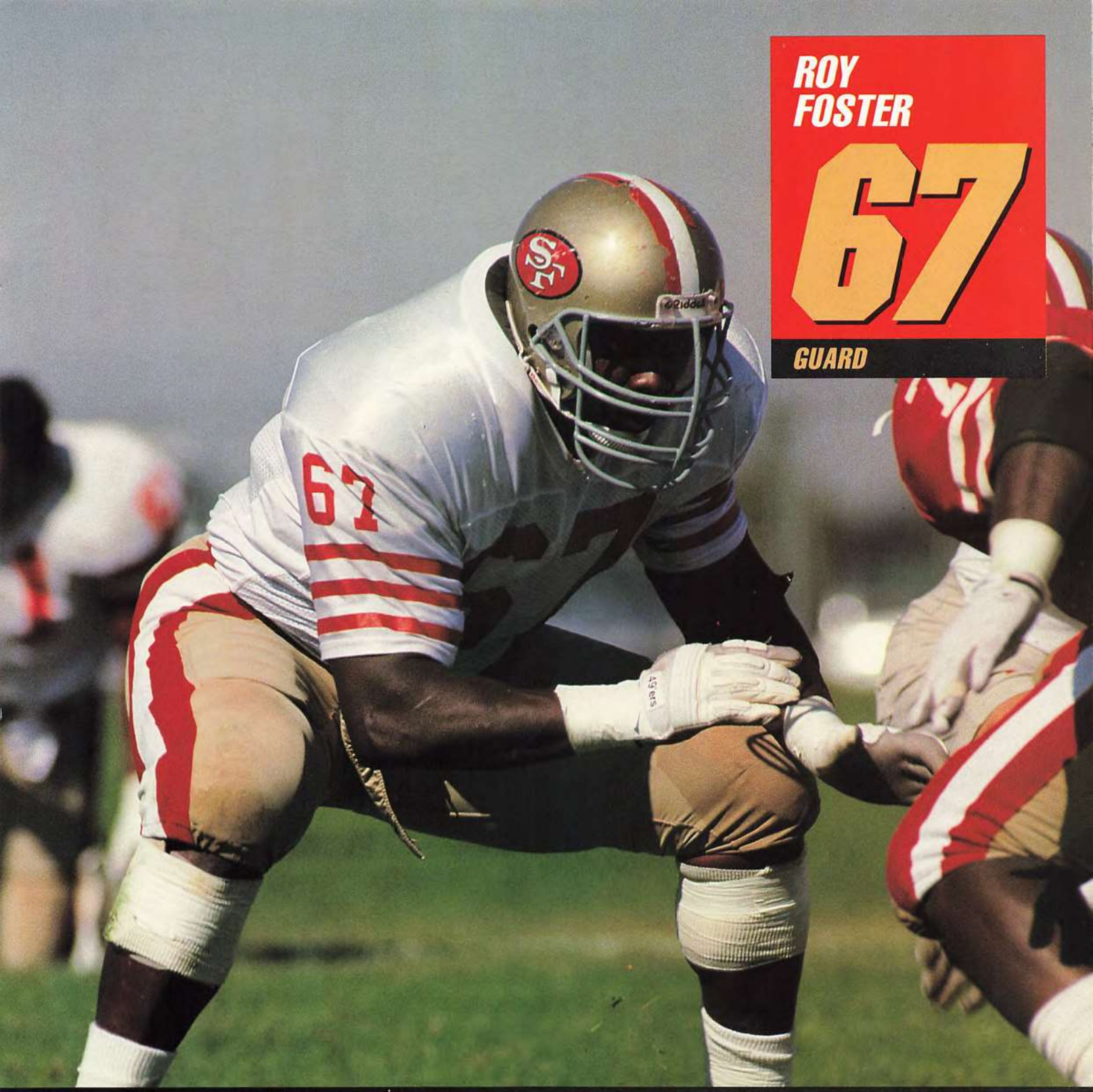
TACKLES			SACKS	INTERCEPTIONS	FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	NO./YDS.	REC./YDS.	G/S
168	125	43	21.5/117	0/0	3/6	53/47

PRO-FILE: *Front-line achiever ... Tough brawler in the trenches ... Highly effective performer ... Exceedingly fast for size ... Solid all-around game.*

PERSONAL: *Born Kevin Scott Fagan in Lake Worth, FL, where he attended Leonard High ... Set school records in shot put and discus, while earning all-conference honors in football ... He and his wife (Nancy) live in Lake Worth, FL, during the offseason.*

COLLEGE: *All-South during sophomore and junior seasons, but suffered through injury-plagued senior year ... Led defensive linemen with 51 tackles, including 10 for losses in '84 ... Tied for team leadership with three sacks that season ... Played more than any defensive lineman during Miami's national championship season of '83 ... Had two sacks and nine tackles in Orange Bowl victory over Nebraska (1-1-84) ... Pulled hip muscle in second game of senior year, limiting play entire season ... Suffered severe knee injury in '86 Sugar Bowl against Tennessee ... Set a Miami mark with 550-pound bench press ... Majored in criminal justice.*

FAGAN'S NFL HONORS: *Len Eshmont Award — 1990.*



ROY FOSTER

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GUARD

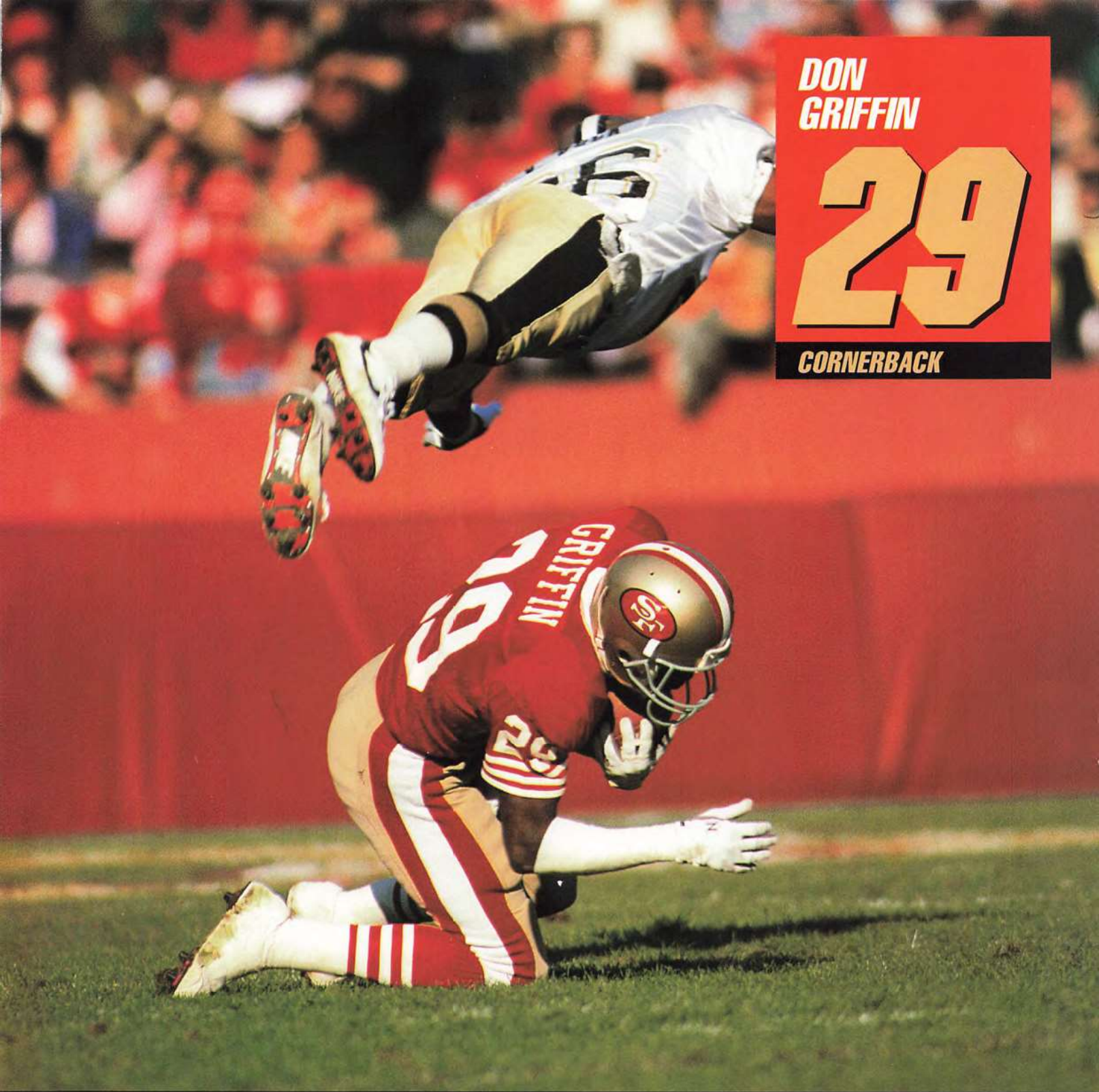
HT: 6-4, WT: 284, BORN: 5-24-60
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, 10TH YEAR

PRO-FILE: *Versatile, strong and durable veteran lineman who can play both guard and tackle ... Pro Bowl performer ... Signed as a Plan B free agent during the '91 offseason.*

PERSONAL: *Born Roy Allen Foster in Los Angeles, CA ... Attended Shawnee Mission (KS) West High for two years after moving from Los Angeles ... Lettered in football and track ... Works with the "Say No to Drugs" program and gives numerous talks to children on the dangers of drug usage ... He and wife (Karen) have two children, Roy, Jr. (6-22-86) and Jennifer Ashley (12-29-88) ... The family resides in Davie, FL.*

COLLEGE: *Three-year starter at guard ... Consensus All-America ... Finalist for the Outland Trophy ... Played in Hula Bowl and Olympia Gold Bowl ... Blocked for Heisman Trophy Winners Charles White and Marcus Allen ... Originally recruited to USC as a fullback before moving to guard ... Majored in public administration.*

FOSTER'S NFL HONORS: *All-AFC — 1985, 1986; Pro Bowl — 1986, 1987.*



DON GRIFFIN

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CORNERBACK

HT: 6-0, WT: 176, BORN: 3-17-64
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE, 6TH YEAR

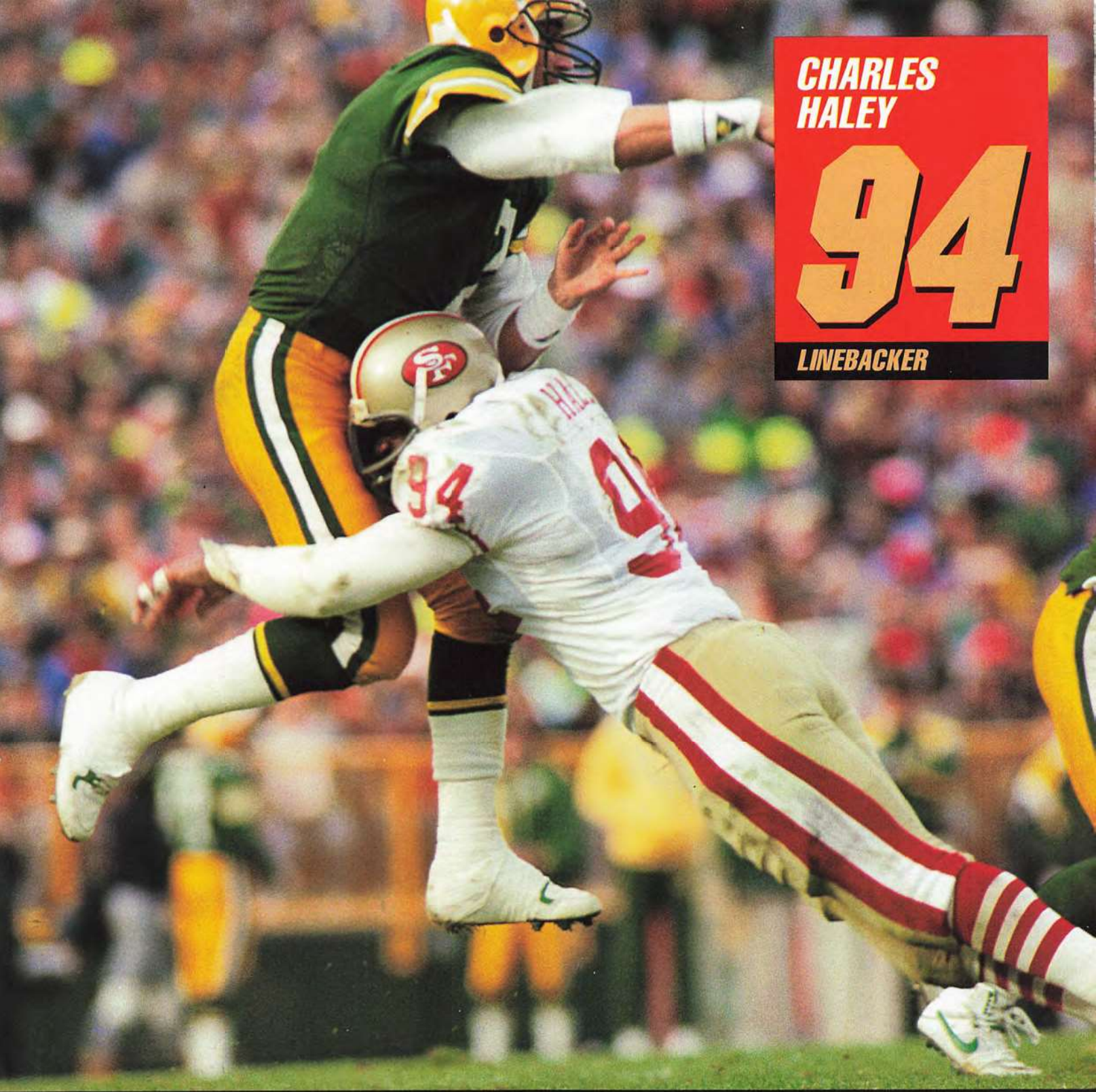
TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS		FUMBLES	PUNT RETURNS				KICKOFF RETURNS					
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	PASS DEF.	REC./YDS.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	G/S
198	182	16	13/39	78	3/7	68	598	8.8	76t	1	6	112	18.7	28	0	70/63

PRO-FILE: *Highly efficient coverage back ... Vigorous hitter ... Consistent, solid play has been trademark of his career ... Beginning to receive just recognition.*

PERSONAL: *Born Donald Frederick Griffin in Pelham, GA ... Attended Pelham Mitchell-Baker High ... Brother, James, played defensive back for the Cincinnati Bengals (1983-85) and Detroit Lions (1986-89) ... Don and his wife (Teresa) have a son and live in San Jose, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Four-year letterman at free safety ... All-Ohio Valley Conference (1983-85) ... OVC Defensive Player-of-the-Year and All-America in '85 ... Recorded personal bests: 72 total tackles, six interceptions, and four passes defensed as a senior ... Led secondary in total stops each of his last three seasons ... Returned punt 68 yards for a score in '85.*

GRIFFIN'S NFL HONORS: *All-Rookie — 1986, All-NFC — 1989.*



CHARLES HALEY

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LINEBACKER

HT: 6-5, WT: 230, BORN: 1-6-64
JAMES MADISON, 6TH YEAR

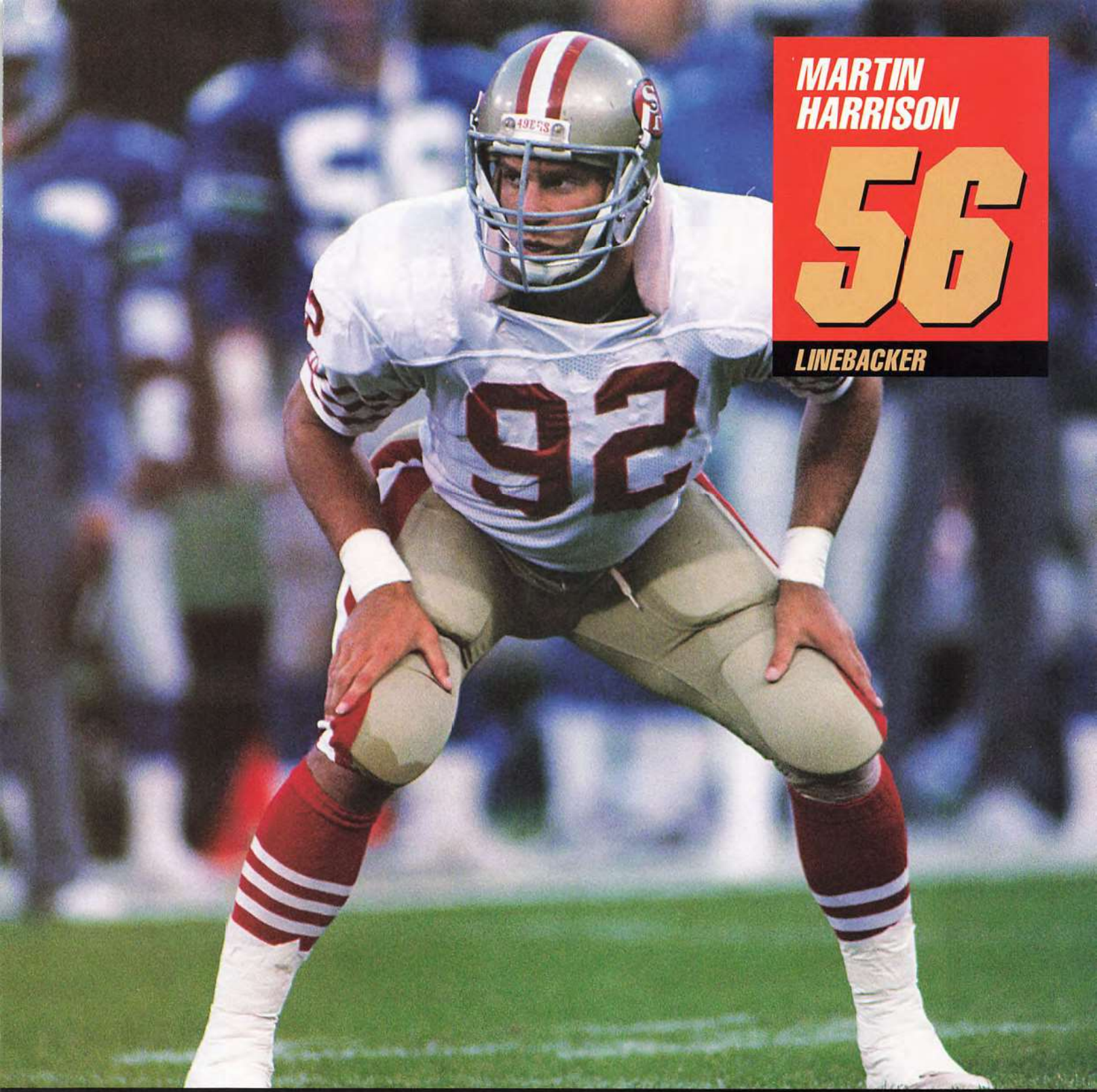
TACKLES		SACKS	INTERCEPTIONS	FUMBLES		
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	NO./YDS.	REC./YDS.	G/S
268	215	53	56/423.5	1/8	5/3	76/49

PRO-FILE: *Quick, agile pass rusher ... Can hold ground at the point of attack or back-pedal into pass coverage ... Vital member of team's defensive force.*

PERSONAL: *Born Charles Lewis Haley in Gladys, VA ... Competed in football, basketball, and track for William Campbell High in Campbell County, VA ... He and his wife (Karen) have two children and live in San Jose, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Played both outside and inside linebacker, while starting four consecutive seasons ... Began career as outside 'backer prior to moving inside for 1983-84 seasons ... Shifted back outside with four games remaining in '85 ... All-America in 1985 ... Led team in total stops in each of final three years ... Finished career with 506 total tackles, 17 sacks, two forced fumbles, and three interceptions ... Never missed a game during four-year career ... Had three consecutive seasons of 130-or-more stops.*

HALEY'S NFL HONORS: *Pro Bowl — 1989, 1991; Len Eshmont Award — 1990; All-Pro — 1990; All-NFC — 1990; NFC Defensive Player-of-the-Year — 1990.*



MARTIN HARRISON

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LINEBACKER

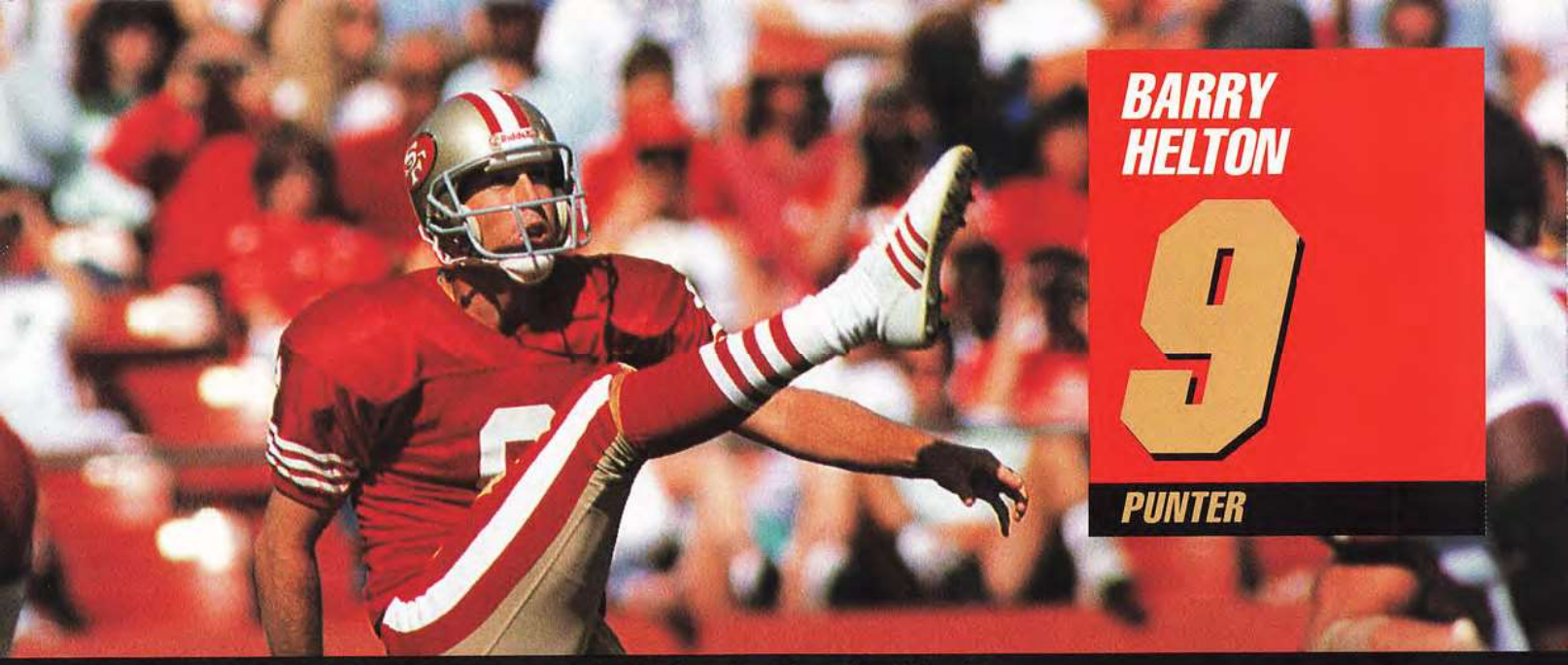
HT: 6-5, WT: 240, BORN: 9-20-67
WASHINGTON, 2ND YEAR

TACKLES			SACKS	INTERCEPTIONS	FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	NO./YDS.	REC./YDS.	G/S
4	4	0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0

PRO-FILE: *Rangy, agile player ... Can play down on line of scrimmage or up as a linebacker ... Strong upfield movement.*

PERSONAL: *Born Martin Allen Harrison in Livermore, CA ... Family moved to Bellevue (WA) and he competed in football and track at Bellevue Newport High ... Placed third in state Junior Olympics decathlon (sixth in the national event) ... Threw discus (160-10) and put shot (52-2) ... Single.*

COLLEGE: *Three-year starter at strong outside linebacker following move from defensive line ... Team leader as a senior in '89 with seven quarterback sacks ... Tied school single season record with 21 tackles for lost yardage ... Team leader in '88 with 10 tackles for loss ... Received degree in sociology with emphasis on deviant child development in June of '90.*



BARRY HELTON

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PUNTER

HT: 6-3, WT: 205, BORN: 1-2-66
COLORADO, 4TH YEAR

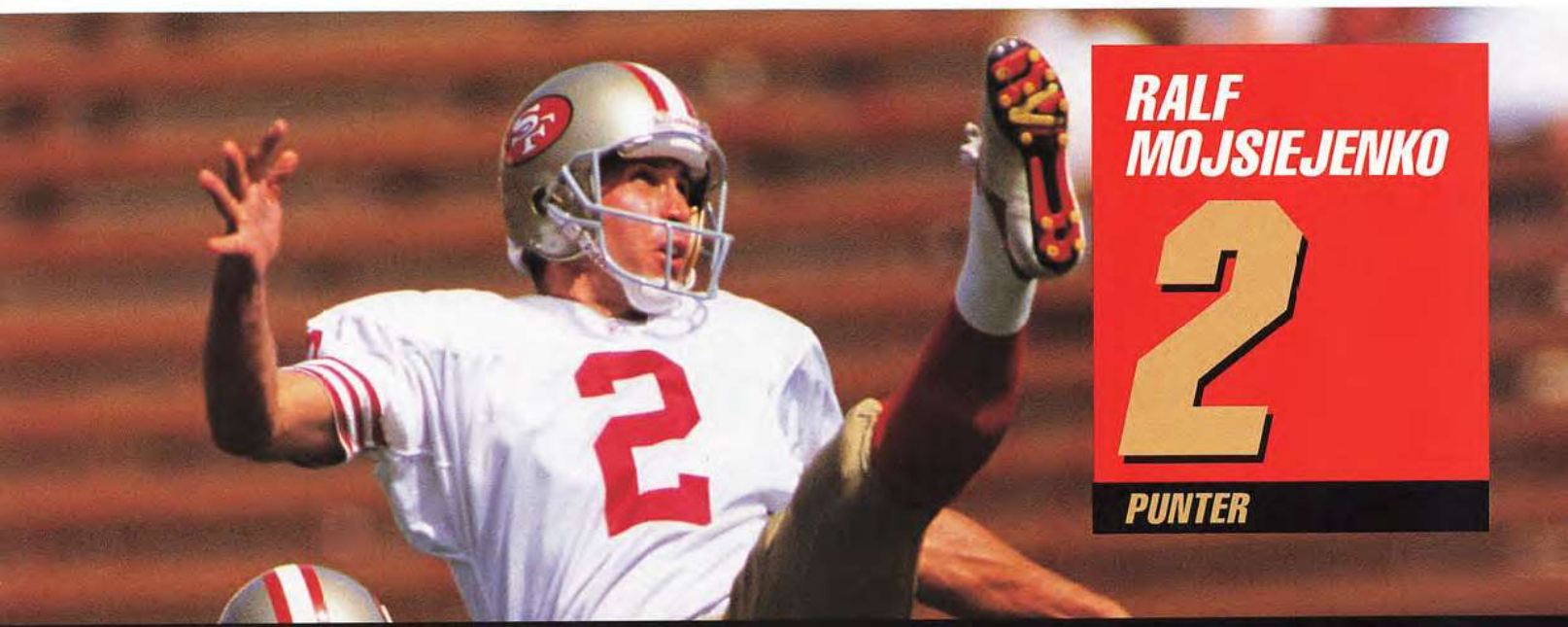
PUNTS	YARDS	AVG.	TB	I-20	LONG	G/S
202	7832	38.8	19	50	56	47/0

PRO-FILE: *Maturing performer ... Accurate 'placement' punter.*

PERSONAL: *Born Barry Bret Helton in Simla, CO ... Player-of-the-Year all three varsity seasons at Simla High ... Colorado Sports Hall of Fame Athlete-of-the-Year as a senior, when he led football team to league title, averaged 24.0 points as starting guard on basketball team, and batted over .500 for the baseball squad ... Class valedictorian with 4.0 average ... He and his wife (Lisa) live in Santa Clara, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Holds Colorado's career record with a 44.9 average ... Only fourth two-time first team All-American in school's history (1985-86) ... Consensus All-America in 1986 ... All-Big Eight in '87 with 44.0 average and 40.3 net and six boots of 50-or-more yards ... Academic All-Big Eight as a junior in '86 ... Ranked fourth in nation with 45.6 average, with an impressive 20 kicks of more than 50-yards ... Averaged 55.6 yards on five punts vs. Iowa State ... Added a 17-yard pass and a touchdown-saving tackle to his '86 credits ... Second in nation as a sophomore in '85 with 46.0 average (43.6 net) and was Academic All-Big Eight ... Had career-long 68-yarder vs. Oregon ... While under heavy pressure, punted 51-yarder left-footed vs. Oklahoma State ... Played in only two games in '84, following redshirt '83 season ... Business Major.*

HELTON'S NFL HONORS: *All-Rookie — 1988.*



RALF MOJSIEJENKO

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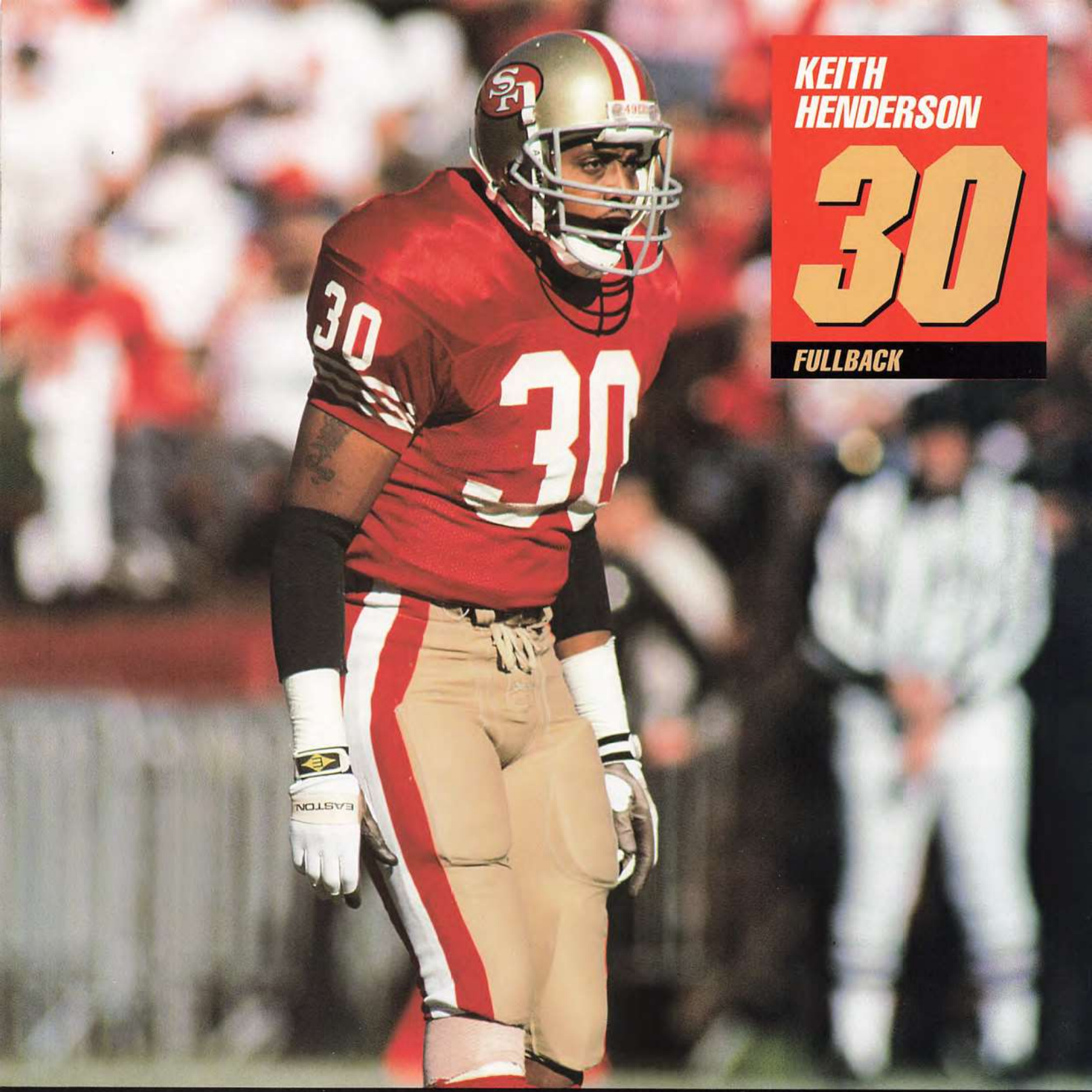
PUNTER

HT: 6-3, WT: 212, BORN: 1-28-63
COLORADO, 7TH YEAR (FA IN '91)

PRO-FILE: *Consistent performer throughout NFL career ... Capable place kicker if called upon ... Came to the 49ers as a free agent in '90.*

PERSONAL: *Born Ralf Mojsiejenko in Salzgitter Lebenstadt in West Germany ... Moved to Michigan with his family at the age of nine months ... Attended Bridgman (MI) High ... He and his wife (Mary) have a two-year-old daughter.*

COLLEGE: *Earned all-Big 10 honors as a kicker and punter at Michigan State ... First team all-America punter by* The Sporting News *his junior year ... His 43.8 yard career punting average set a school record ... Also pitched two seasons for the Spartans' baseball team.*



KEITH HENDERSON

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FULLBACK

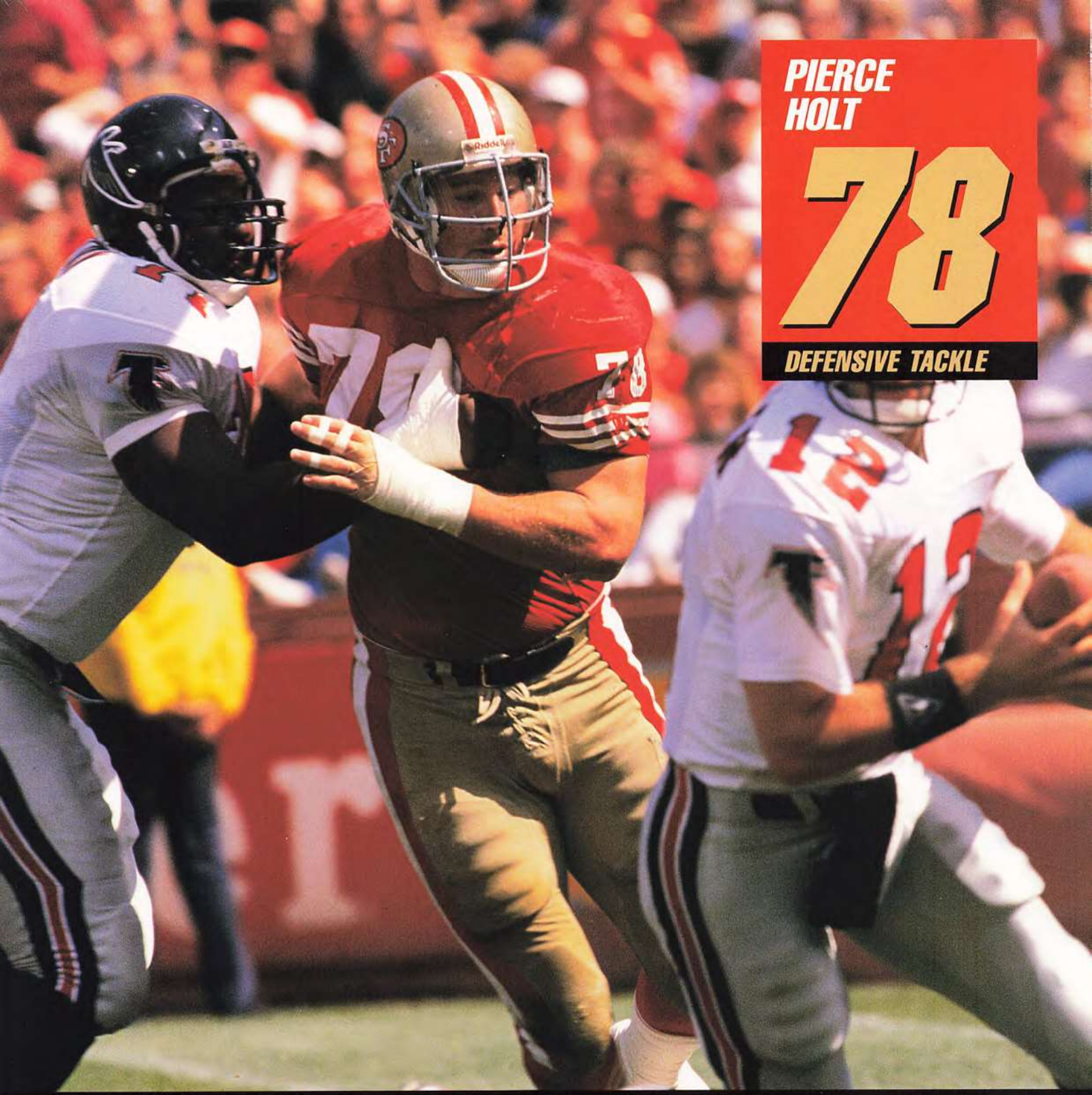
HT: 6-1, WT: 220, BORN: 8-4-66
GEORGIA, 3RD YEAR

RUSHING					RECEIVING				
ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	G/S
13	44	3.4	11t	1	7	165	23.6	78	0	9/0

PRO-FILE: *Multifaceted talent ... Appears to have all the skills necessary to mesh into team's diverse offense ... Showed promise in limited '89 and '90 appearances.*

PERSONAL: *Born Keith Pernell Henderson in Cartersville, GA ... Named* Parade Magazine *and* USA Today *All-America, as well as being named the Atlanta* Journal-Constitution *Player-of-the-Year ... Three-time all-state pick, rushing for 5,872 yards and 58 touchdowns at Cartersville (GA) High ... Established a state record as a senior, gaining 423 yards in one game ... Single, lives in Santa Clara, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Third leading rusher for the Bulldogs in '88 ... Had 20 receptions for the season ... Used primarily as a blocking back for HB Tim Worley (seventh pick in '89 draft by Pittsburgh) ... Averaged 19.9 yards on 10 kickoff returns ... Split starts at halfback and fullback as a sophomore in '86 ... Finished second on the team with 523 yards rushing (5.4 average), despite missing two games at mid-season with a knee injury ... Added 16 receptions for 231 yards and a score ... Had immediate impact on Georgia program in 1985, starting at fullback as a freshman ... Led Bulldogs with 731 yards rushing (averaging 6.8 yards per carry) and scored three TDs ... Rushed for 145 yards, including a 76-yard TD against Florida ... Majored in Industrial Arts.*



PIERCE HOLT

78

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

HT: 6-4, WT: 280, BORN: 1-1-62
ANGELO STATE, 4TH YEAR

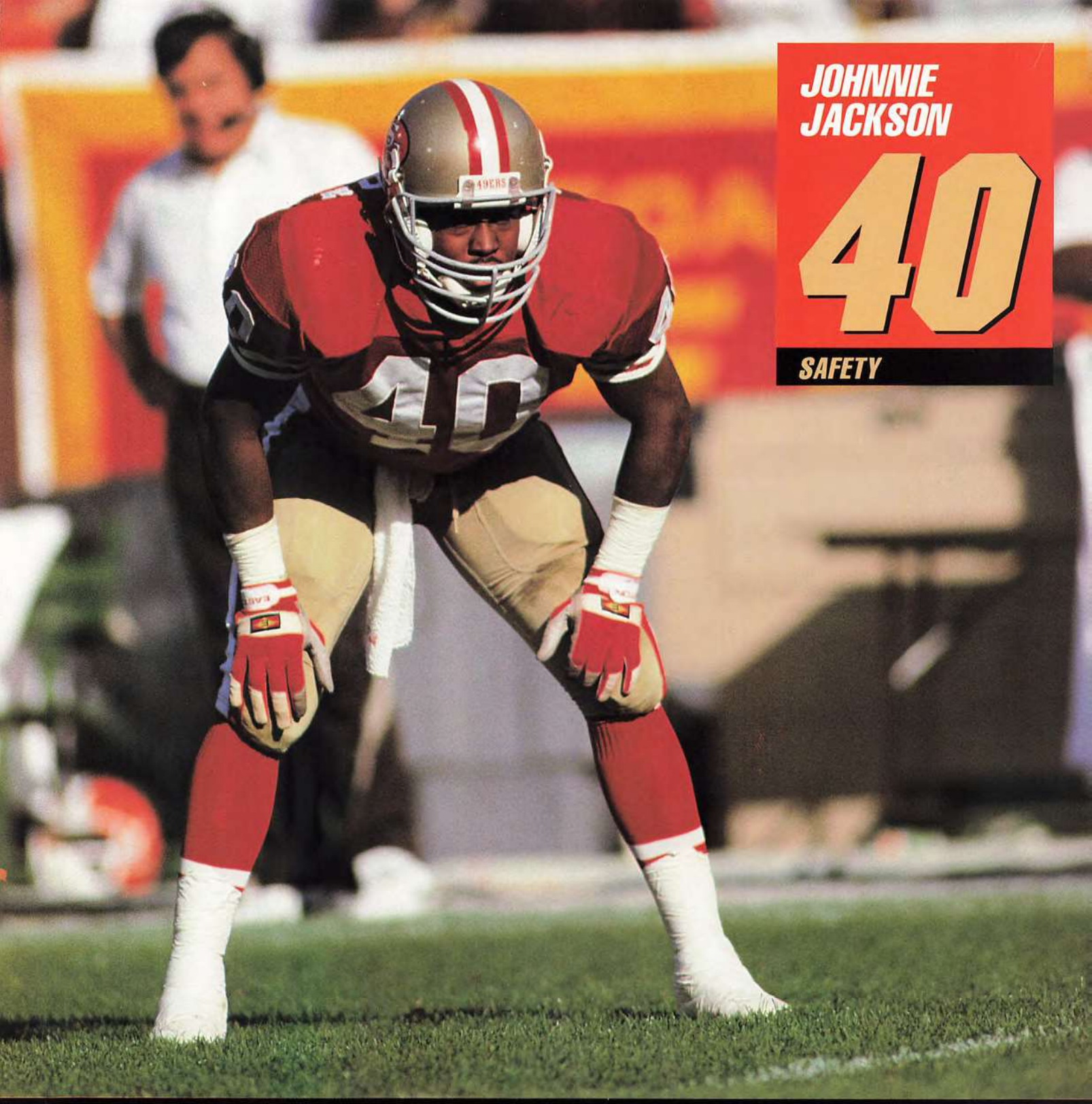
TACKLES			SACKS	INTERCEPTIONS	FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	NO./YDS.	REC./YDS.	G/S
114	96	18	16.5/142.5	0/0	4/0	41/27

PRO-FILE: *Stout, powerful interior defender ... Extremely quick lateral movement ... Has displayed rapid improvement early in career ... Mainstay on defensive line.*

PERSONAL: *Born Pierce Holt in Marlin, TX ... He attended Rosenberg (TX) Lamar Consolidated High ... Played only one year of football (as a 180-pound lineman, in senior season only) ... He and his wife (Deana) have two children, and live in San Ramon, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Lone Star Conference Player-of-the-Decade ... Had 106 total tackles, including 11 sacks, as a senior ... Added 18 quarterback pressures and 13 tackles for losses ... Had eight games of 10-or-more tackles in '87 ... Played offensive line in short yardage situations in one contest ... All-America in 1986-87 ... NCAA Division II Defensive Player-of-the-Year in '87 ... Played in Blue-Gray and Senior Bowl games ... All-Lone Star Conference and Academic All-America in '86 ... Totaled 53 stops, including seven sacks and seven tackles for lost yardage ... Team leader with 11 sacks in '85, while earning All-America honors ... Began at Angelo State at age 22, after three years of working on a farm, at a car dealership, on a construction crew, and as an inspector for a mortgage company ... Earned degree in physical education and history, and is nine hours shy of Master's in education.*

HOLT'S NFL HONORS: *All-Rookie — 1988.*



JOHNNIE JACKSON

40

SAFETY

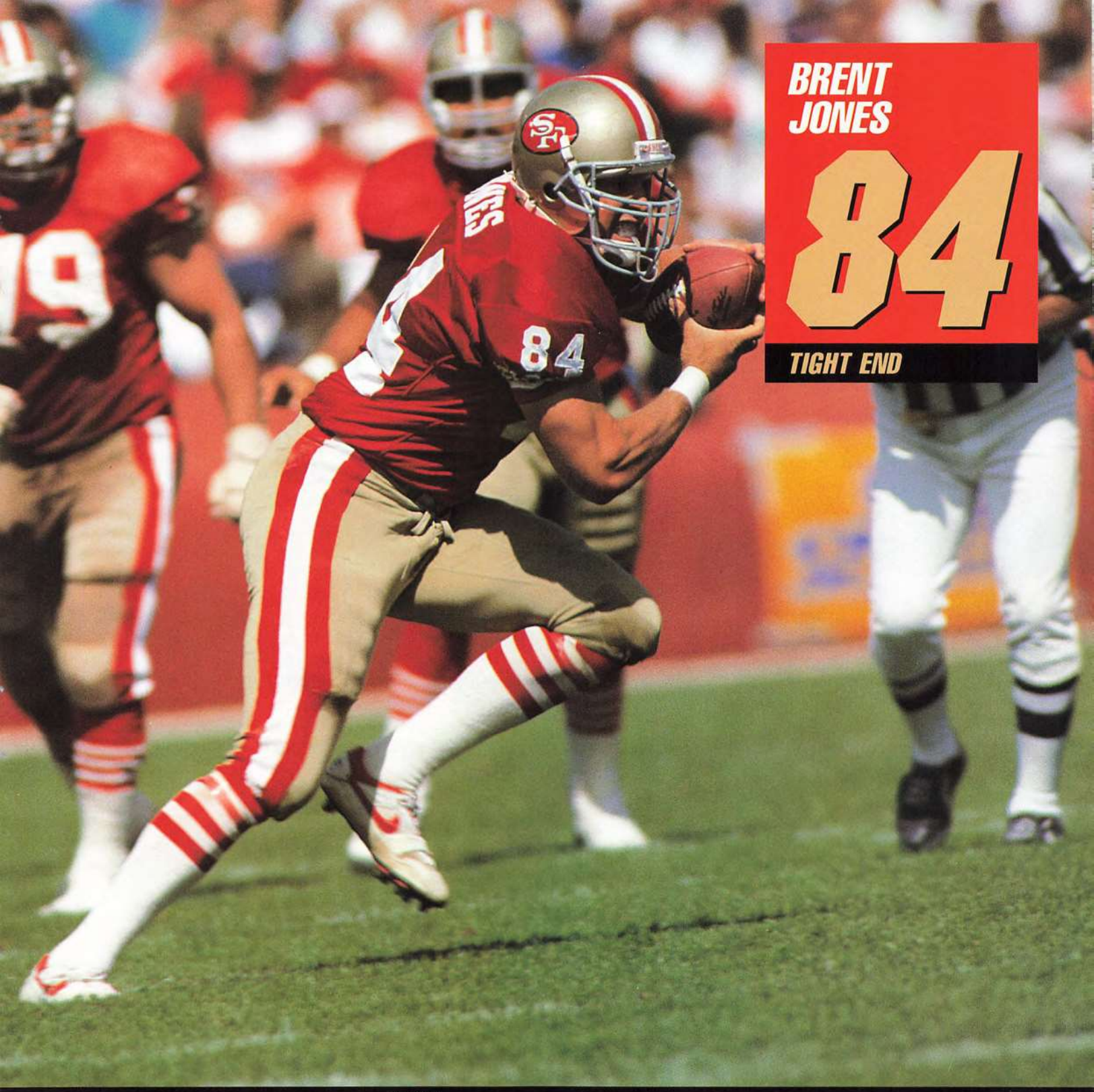
HT: 6-1, WT: 204, BORN: 1-11-67
HOUSTON, 3RD YEAR

TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS		FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	PASS DEF.	REC./YDS.	G/S
55	47	8	2/35	5	1/0	32/6

PRO-FILE: *Instinctive, able athlete ... Solid, error-free performer ... Displays maturity well beyond years.*

PERSONAL: *Born Johnnie Bobby Jackson in Harlingen, TX ... Played quarterback and defensive back for Harlingen High ... His district's most valuable player as a senior ... Also lettered in basketball and baseball ... Single, lives in Houston, TX, during offseason.*

COLLEGE: *Set school record with 325 career interception return yards ... Tied Cougars' mark with 14 career picks ... Second team All-America selection by* The Sporting News *and All-Southwest Conference as a senior in '88 ... Played in Hula Bowl ... Started every game at cornerback in '87, earning All-SWC honors ... Led team with 16 passes defensed ... Established school and conference records with interception returns for touchdowns of 31, 53, and 97 yards against Texas ... His eight interceptions and school-record 218 interception return yards was third in conference ... Started every game in '86, his first year at cornerback ... Had 15 tackles in 11 games at strong safety in '85 ... Majored in Physical Education.*



BRENT JONES

84

TIGHT END

HT: 6-4, WT: 230, BORN: 2-12-63
SANTA CLARA, 5TH YEAR

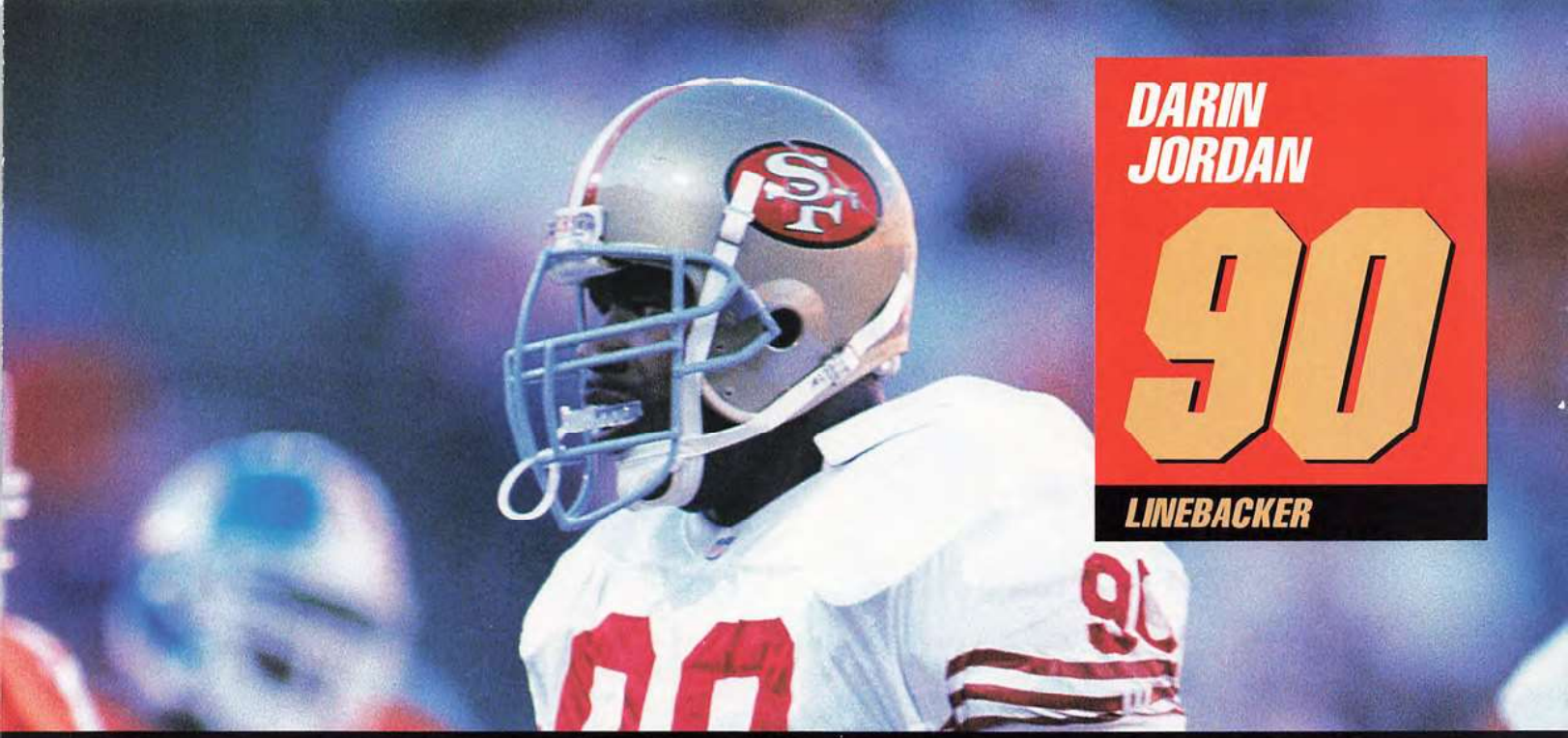
RECEIVING

NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	G/S
106	1339	12.6	67t	11	47/32

PRO-FILE: *Sure-handed downfield target ... Provides invaluable extra dimension to already diverse 49ers' attack.*

PERSONAL: *Born Brent Michael Jones in San Jose, CA ... Played football and baseball at San Jose (CA) Leland High ... he and his wife (Dana) have two daughters, and live in San Jose, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Four-year starter ... His 137 receptions were third highest total in school history ... All-Western Football Conference three times ... WFC Offensive Player-of-the-Year and NCAA Division II All-America as a senior in '85 ... Played in East-West Shrine Game.*



DARIN JORDAN

90

LINEBACKER

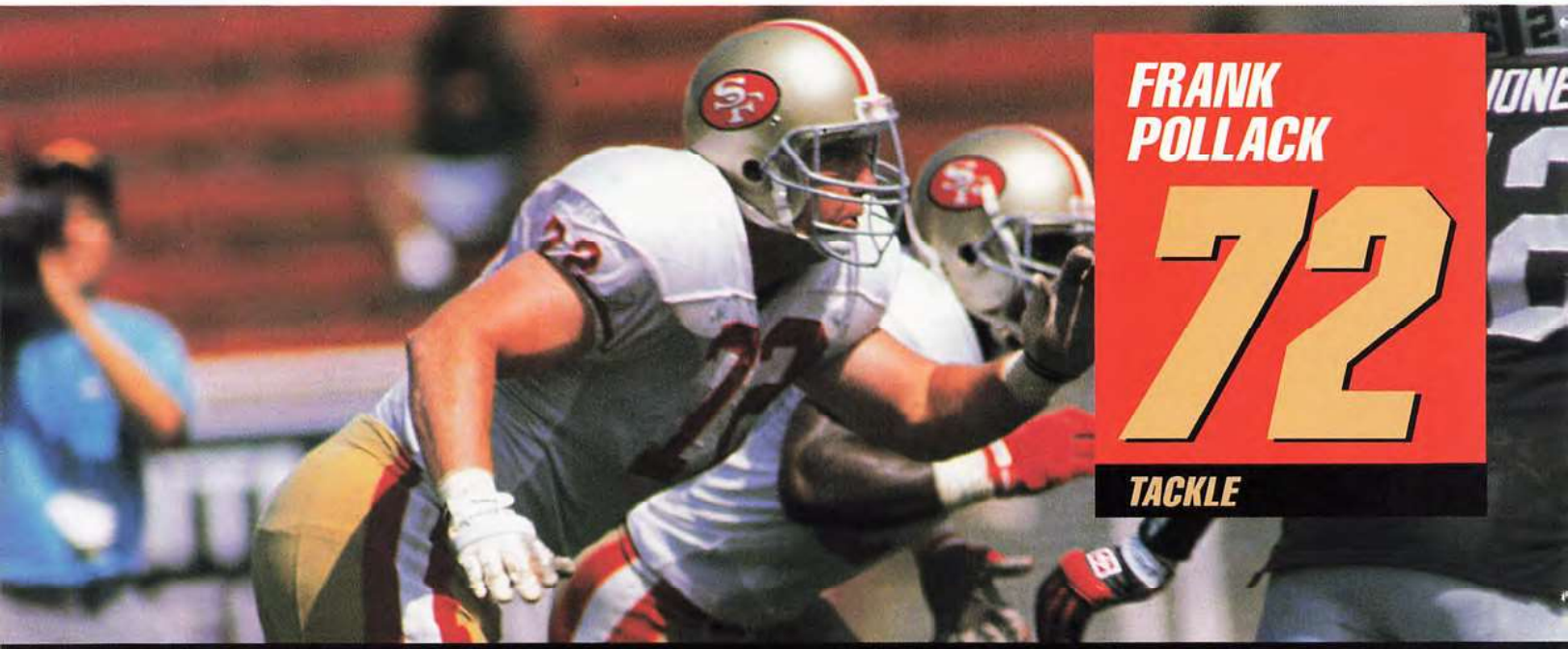
HT: 6-1, WT: 240, BORN: 12-4-64
NORTHEASTERN, 2ND YEAR

TACKLES			SACKS	FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	REC./YDS.	G/S
29	27	2	0/0	3/0	15/3

PRO-FILE: *Tough, strong, quick linebacker ... Excels on special teams ... Signed as a Plan B free agent in '91.*

PERSONAL: *Born Darin Godfrey Jordan in Stoughton, MA ... Attended Stoughton High, where he lettered in football, basketball, and track and field ... Earned all-league and all-scholastic honors there ... Has a 32.5-inch vertical leap ... Single, lives in Stoughton, MA, during the off-season.*

COLLEGE: *Three-year defensive tackle for the Huskies ... Had 207 tackles and 20½ sacks during his career ... All-New England as a junior while recording 65 tackles and six sacks ... MVP and quad-captain as senior ... Finished that campaign with 11½ sacks ... Also played basketball at Northeastern ... Majored in speech communications.*



FRANK POLLACK

72

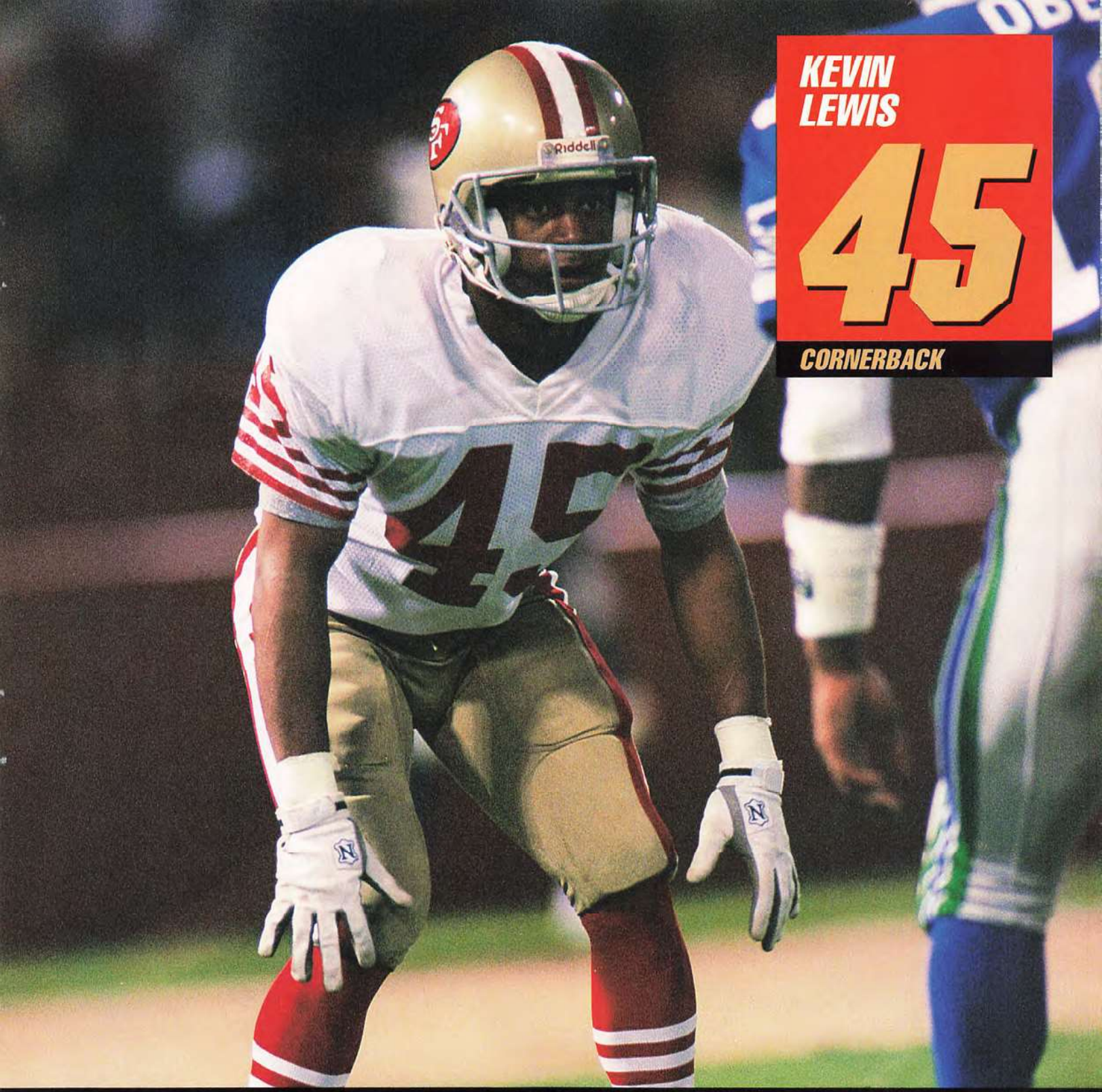
TACKLE

HT: 6-5, WT: 285, BORN: 11-5-67
NORTHERN ARIZONA, 2ND YEAR

PRO-FILE: *Sturdy, tough performer ... Possesses ability to control line of scrimmage ... Excels at pass blocking.*

PERSONAL: *Born Frank Steven Pollack in Camp Springs, MD ... Family moved to Phoenix (AZ) when he was a child ... Played football at Phoenix Greenway High, where he was all-state ... Oldest of three children (only son) ... Single.*

COLLEGE: *All-Big Sky as a senior ... Broke leg during spring drills and elected to sit out all of '88 season ... All-Big Sky honorable mention in '87, despite missing four games due to shoulder injury ... Starter from opening game of freshman year on ... Earned degree in advertising.*



KEVIN LEWIS

45

CORNERBACK

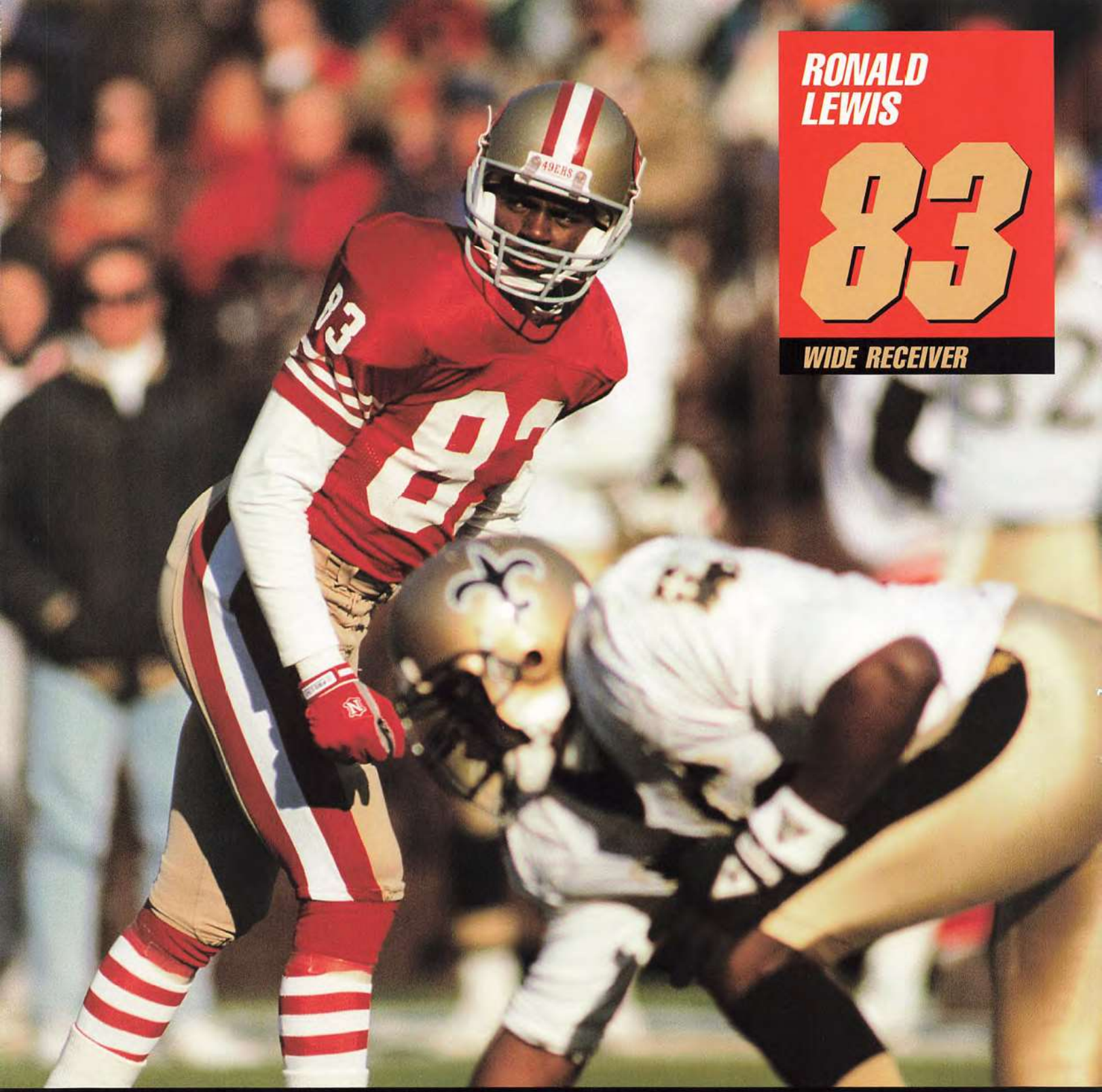
HT: 5-11, WT: 173, BORN: 11-14-66
NORTHWESTERN LOUISIANA, 2ND YEAR

TACKLES				INTERCEPTIONS	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	PASS DEF.	G/S
8	8	0	1/28	3	10/0

PRO-FILE: *Tough, hard-nosed player ... Multi-talented performer, can play either cornerback position ... Also returns punts and kickoffs.*

PERSONAL: *Born Kevin Lewis in New Orleans, LA ... Attended high school at Alcee Fortier in New Orleans and college at Northwestern Louisiana ... Lives in Norcross, GA, during the offseason.*

COLLEGE: *Tallied 144 tackles and eight interceptions during career ... Also returned punts for Demons ... Second team All-America as a senior in 1988 ... Twice named to student-athlete honor roll ... Team's most inspirational player in '88 ... Earned degree in business management.*



RONALD LEWIS

83

WIDE RECEIVER

HT: 5-11, WT: 172, BORN: 3-25-68
FLORIDA STATE, 2ND YEAR

RECEIVING					
NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	G/S
5	44	8.8	14	0	8/0

PRO-FILE: *Lightning-quick, fluid striding wide-out ... Runs clean, precise routes ... Can make plays in open field after the catch ... Exceptional speed and athletic ability.*

PERSONAL: *Born Ronald Alexander Lewis in Jacksonville ... Played football, basketball, and baseball at Jacksonville Raines High ... All-state wide receiver as a senior ... Selected as shortstop in 13th round of '85 baseball draft by Toronto Blue Jays ... Again drafted (June, '88) by California Angels ... Played on Angels Class "A" team in Bend, OR, during summer of '89 ... Oldest of four children ... Single.*

COLLEGE: *Three-year starting flanker for the Seminoles ... Had at least one reception in each game during both junior and senior seasons ... Averaged better than 18 yards per catch during career ... Honorable mention All-America as a senior ... Exceeded 100 yards receiving in two games that season, including best of 116 yards versus South Carolina ... Had 106 yards in Fiesta Bowl win over Nebraska ... Second team All-South Independent as a junior in '88 ... Second on team with 27 receptions ... Career best 140 yards in win over Georgia Southern ... Recorded career high with four TD receptions in first season as a starter in '87 ... Had a dramatic game-winning 18-yard TD catch in '88 Fiesta Bowl vs. Nebraska ... Caught eight passes for 145 yards as a freshman in '86 ... Communications major.*

GUY McINTYRE

62

GUARD

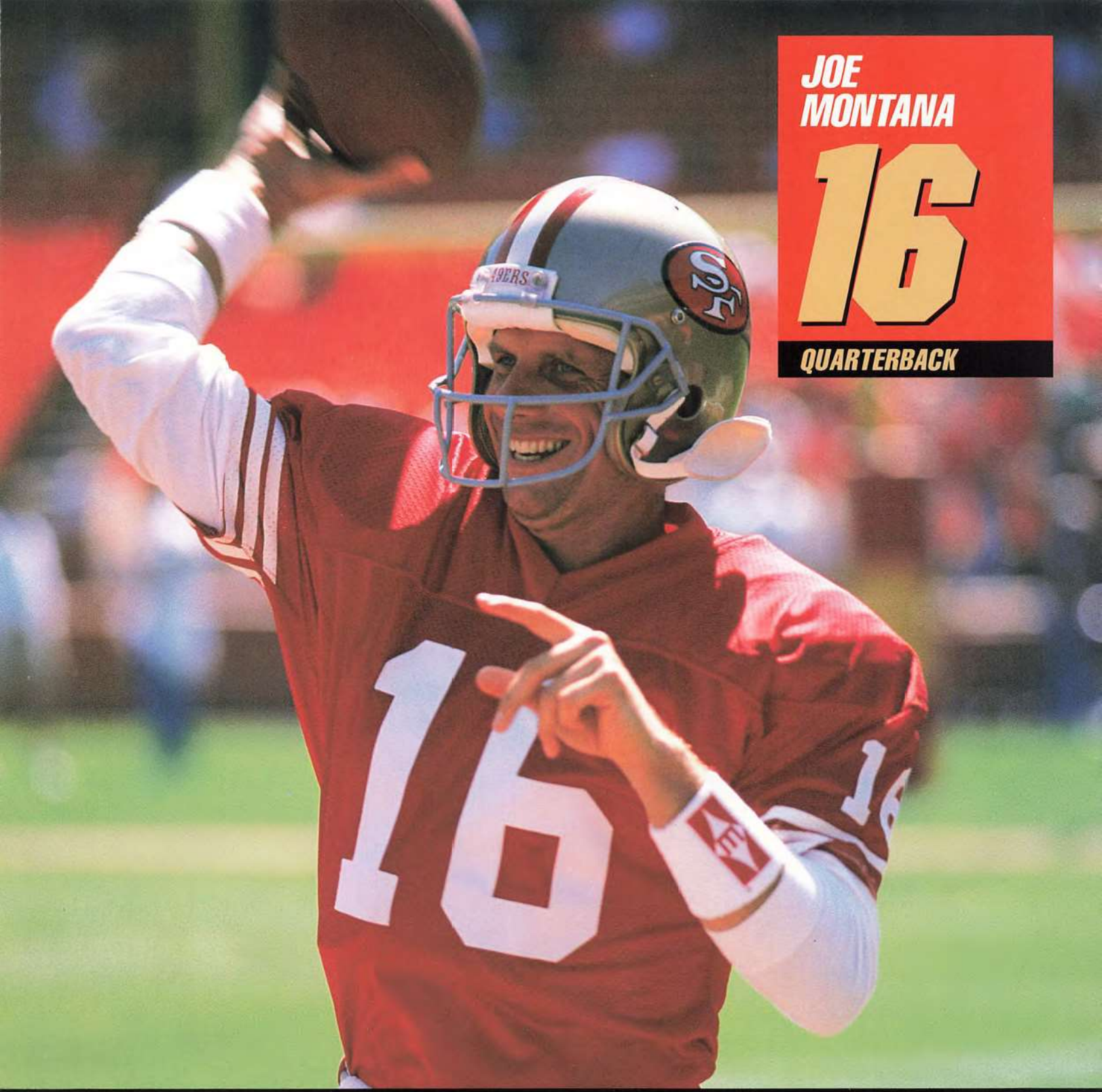
HT: 6-3, WT: 265, BORN: 2-17-61
GEORGIA, 8TH YEAR

PRO-FILE: *Fast, agile lineman ... Exceeds at leading sweeps ... Adept pass blocker.*

PERSONAL: *Born Guy Maurice McIntyre in Thomasville, GA... Competed in football, basketball, and track at Thomasville High ... Active in local Christian activities ... He and his wife (Vickie) live in Menlo Park, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Recruited as a tight end, but moved to tackle as a sophomore ... All-SEC (AP and UPI) as a senior ... Second team AP All-America ... Won 1983 Jacob's Blocking Trophy, given to SEC's outstanding offensive lineman ... On Bulldogs' team that featured Herschel Walker ... Played in Japan Bowl.*

McINTYRE'S NFL HONORS: *Pro Bowl — 1990-91, All-NFC — 1990, All-Pro — 1989.*



JOE MONTANA

16

QUARTERBACK

HT: 6-2, WT: 195, BORN: 6-11-56
NOTRE DAME, 13TH YEAR

PASSING									RUSHING					
ATT.	COMP.	YDS.	PCT.	INT.	LONG	TD	NFL RATING	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	G/S
4579	2914	34998	.636	123	96t	242	93.4	411	1567	3.8	21	20	166/139

PRO-FILE: *Some say he is the undisputed greatest NFL quarterback of all time ... Continues to add chapter after chapter to an already storied career of unparalleled achievements ... Has superior ability and responds to situations beautifully while play is in progress ... Inspires confidence among teammates.*

PERSONAL: *Born Joseph C. Montana in New Eagle, PA ... Attended Monongahela (PA) Ringgold High ... Played football, basketball, and baseball ... Works with "Make-A-Wish" charity throughout the United States ... 1989 & '90 Miller Lite NFL Player-of-the-Year ... For each TD pass he has thrown over the past four seasons (1987-90), he and his wife (actress-model-TV personality Jennifer Montana) have donated $200 to the Crippled Childrens Society of Santa Clara County ... The couple has two daughters and a son, and lives in Redwood City, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Completed 260 of 515 (.522) career passes for 4,121 yards and 25 TDs ... Completed 141 of 260 passes for 2,010 yards and 10 TDs as a senior in '78 ... Earned national acclaim in Cotton Bowl (1-1-79), guiding Irish back from a 34-12 deficit, midway through fourth period, to a 35-34 win over Houston with no time showing ... Notre Dame won the national championship with Montana at quarterback in '77 ... Earned business administration/marketing degree in December, 1978.*

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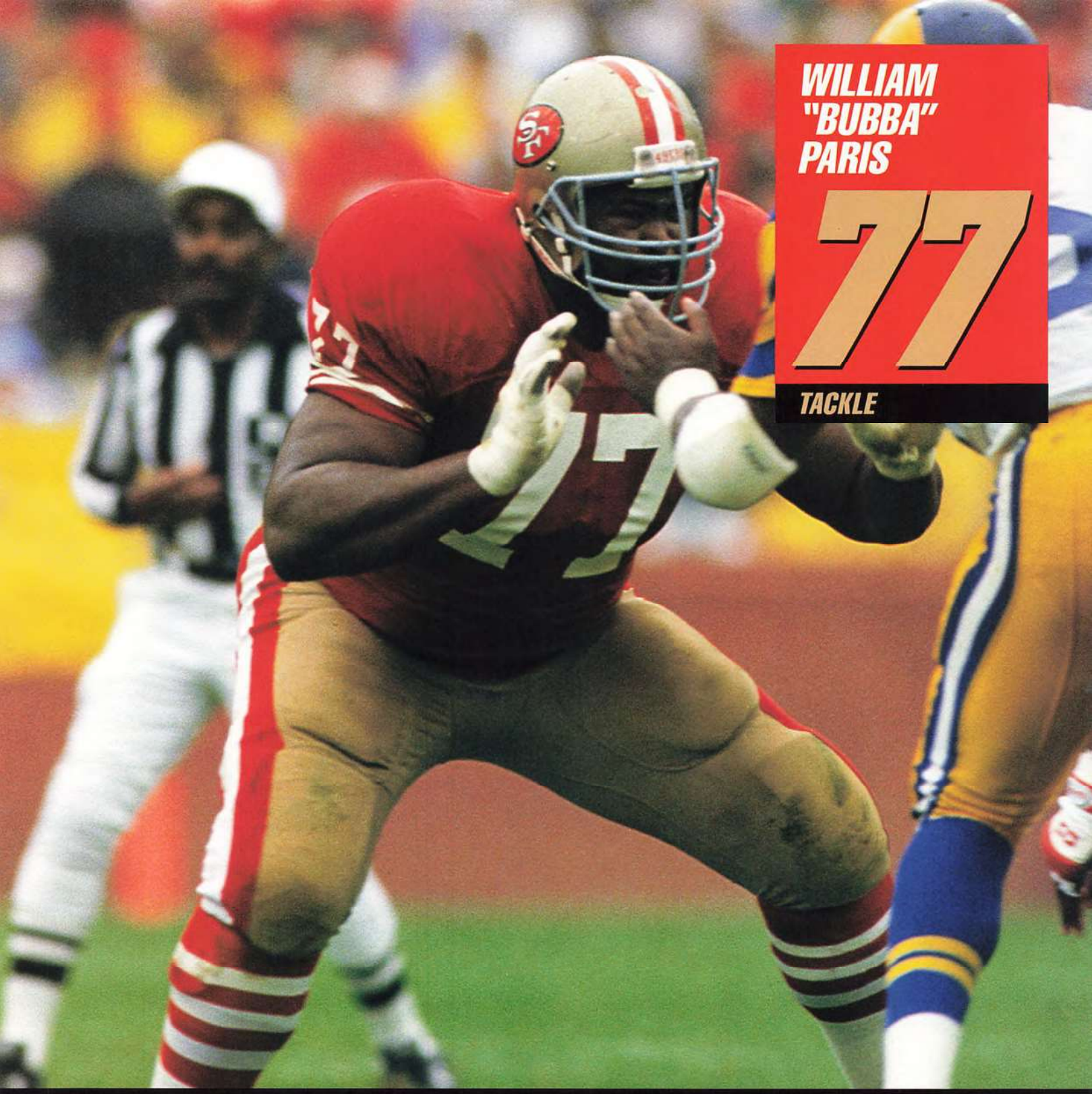

WILLIAM "BUBBA" PARIS

77

TACKLE

HT: 6-6, WT: 299, BORN: 10-6-60
MICHIGAN, 9TH YEAR

PRO-FILE: *Large, capable interior lineman … Skilled, experienced performer.*

PERSONAL: *Born William H. Paris in Louisville, KY … Attended Louisville DeSales High, where he was team captain and MVP as a senior … He and his wife (Lynne) have six children, including twin girls … The family lives in San Jose, CA.*

COLLEGE: *All-Big Ten and second team All-America as a senior in '81 … Played in Hula, Japan, and Olympia Gold Bowls … Started final 32 contests for Wolverines … Earned B.A. in Liberal Arts.*

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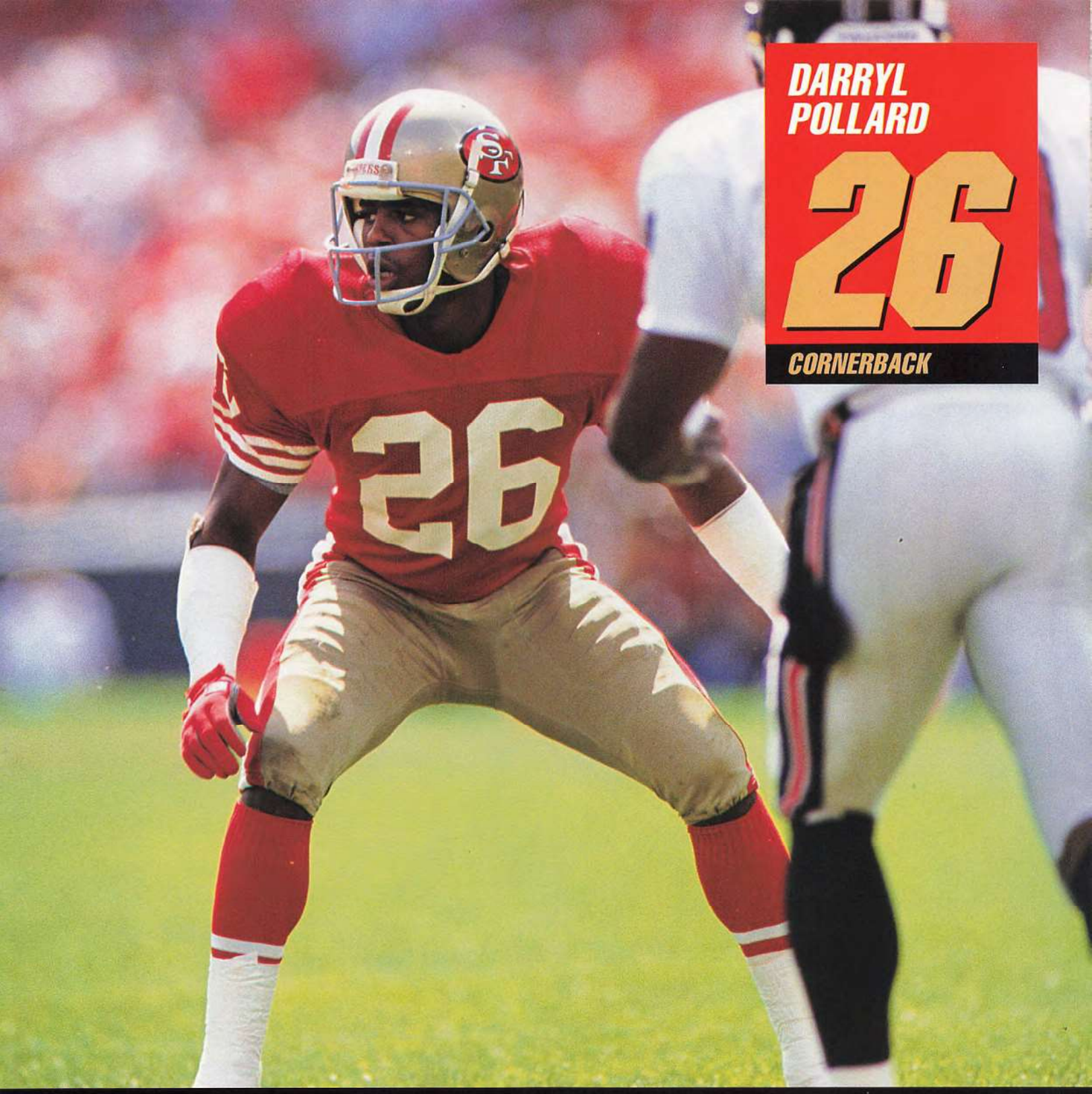


DARRYL POLLARD

26

CORNERBACK

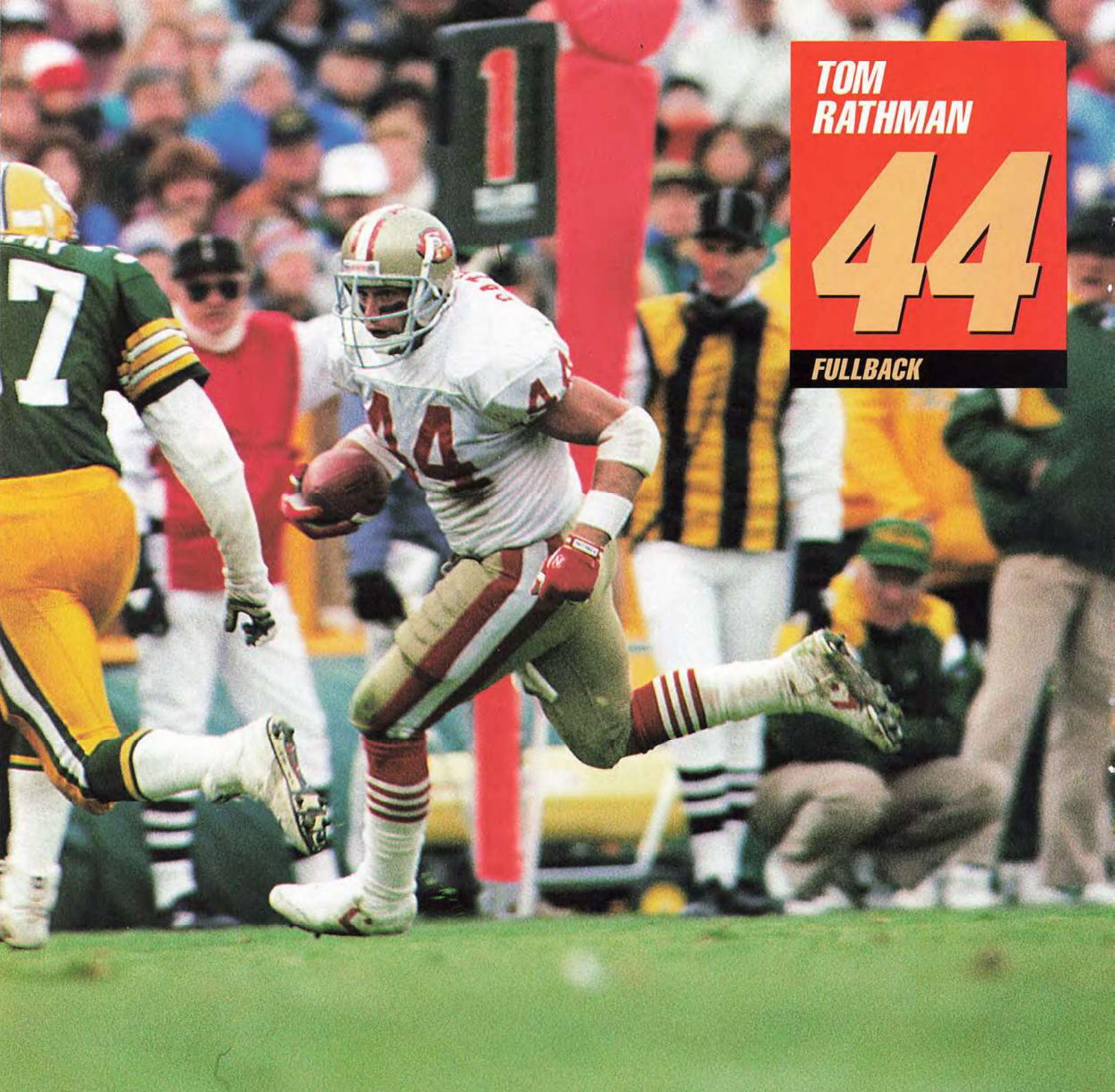
HT: 5-11, WT: 187, BORN: 5-11-64
WEBER STATE, 6TH YEAR

TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS		FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	PASS DEF.	REC./YDS.	G/S
189	178	11	2/12	29	0/0	49/32

PRO-FILE: *Improving, talented coverage back ... Exhibits fortitude and desire ... Continues to work and show improvement at his craft.*

PERSONAL: *Born Cedric Darryl Pollard in Ellsworth, MA ... Played football at Colorado Springs (CO) Mitchell High ... Led team to 14-0 record and state high school championship as a senior wide receiver and return specialist ... Single, he lives in the Redwood Shores section of Redwood City, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Three-year starter (1983-85) for the Wildcats ... All-conference performer as a senior, when he led the team with four interceptions ... Recorded one interception and two blocked punts as a junior in '84 ... Began career as a running back, but was moved to cornerback prior to sophomore season ... Registered a 45-10¾ triple jump for Wildcats' track team.*



TOM RATHMAN

44

FULLBACK

HT: 6-1, WT: 232, BORN: 10-7-62
NEBRASKA, 6TH YEAR

	RUSHING					RECEIVING					KICKOFF RETURNS					TACKLES			
	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	TOT.	SOLO	AST.	G/S
	377	1445	3.8	35	12	206	1775	8.6	29	4	5	103	20.6	22	0	41	31	10	76/56

PRO-FILE: *Tough, hard-nosed player ... Inspirational team leader ... Has emerged from outlet element to feature role in team's offensive scheme ... Has shown steady improvement during professional career.*

PERSONAL: *Born Thomas Dean Rathman in Grand Island, NE ... Played fullback/linebacker at Grand Island High ... He and his wife (Holly) have two daughters ... The family lives in the Redwood Shores area of Redwood City, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Rushed for 1,425 yards, and averaged better than six yards-per-carry, during four-year career ... Caught only five passes during same period ... Scored 13 career touchdowns, the first coming on a pass reception (all other scores by rushing) ... All-Big Eight as a senior with 881 yards and eight touchdowns ... Had three runs of 50-or-more yards, including career-long 80-yard scoring burst in '85 ... Rushed for 381 yards and scored four times as a junior, serving mainly as a blocking back ... Saw limited action as a sophomore following redshirted '82 season ... Was back-up to former 49er Roger Craig during first season at Nebraska.*

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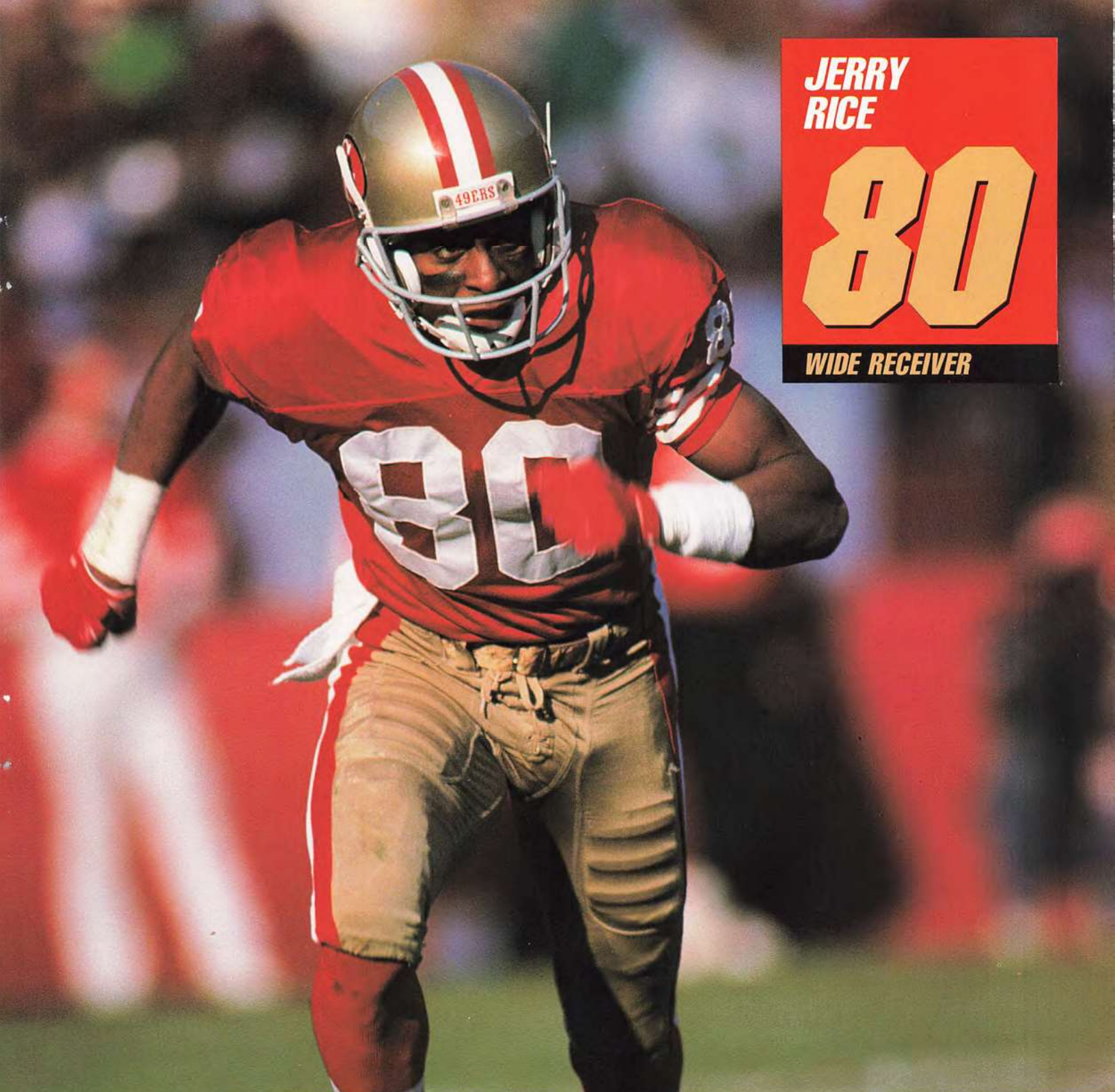


HT: 6-2, WT: 200, BORN: 10-13-62
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE, 7TH YEAR

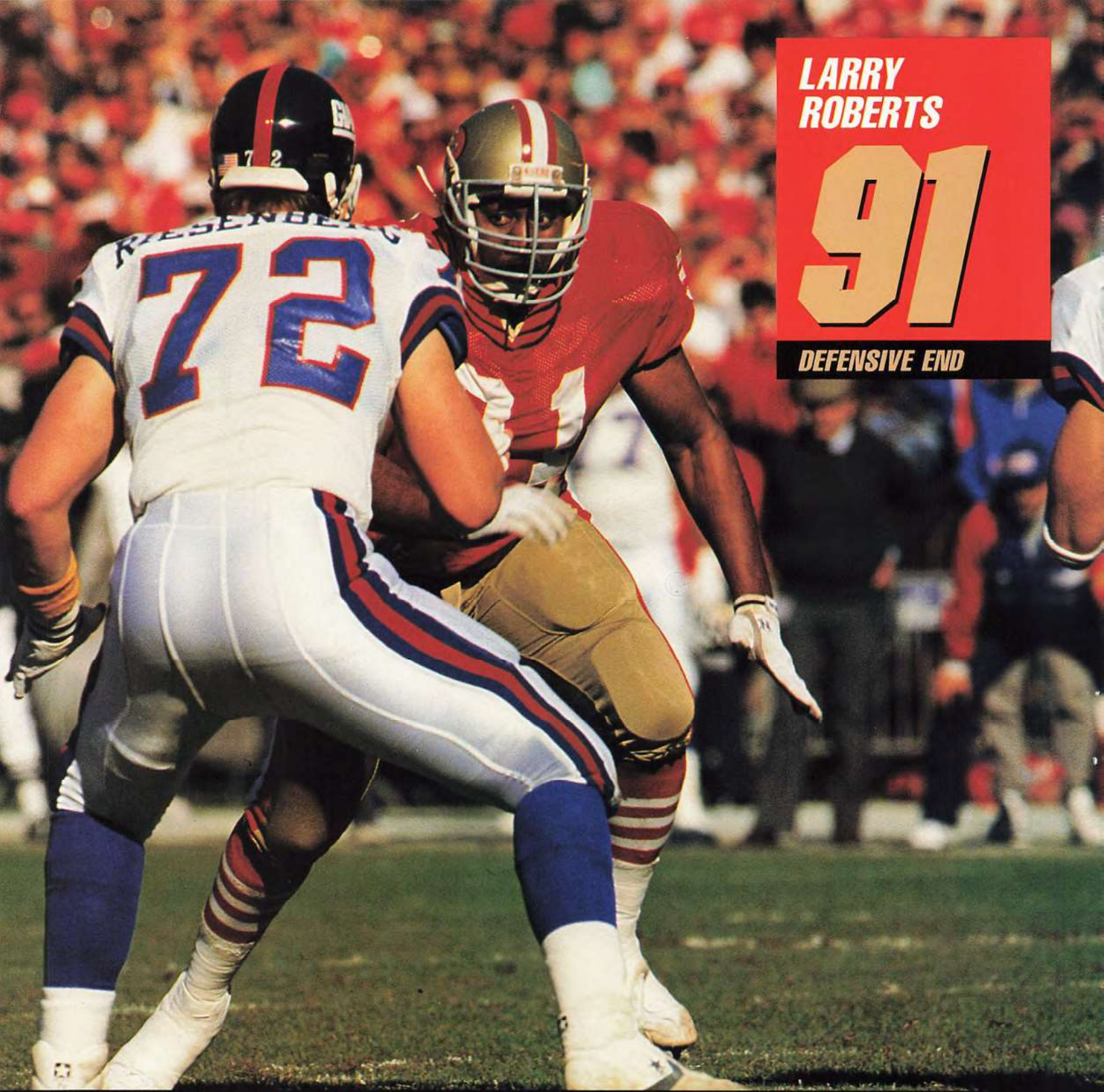
	RECEIVING					RUSHING					
	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	G/S
	446	7866	17.6	96t	79	44	289	6.6	29	4	92/79

PRO-FILE: *The best wide receiver in the league ... Driven competitor ... Constantly seeking to better previous performances ... Well conditioned, durable athlete ... Outstanding team attitude ... Takes great pride in subtle blocking contributions.*

PERSONAL: *Born Jerry Lee Rice in Starkville, MS ... Attended Moor High in Crawford, MS ... Competed in football, basketball, and track ... Scoring leader in most 49ers' offseason basketball contests that he takes part in ... Involved in work for United Negro College Fund ... He and his wife (Jackie) have a daughter, and divide time between Crawford, MS, and Redwood City, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Totaled 4,693 yards and set 18 NCAA Division II records during four-year career ... Had more than 100 receptions each in last two seasons ... Recorded 1,845 yards and scored 28 TDs as a senior in '84 ... Exceeded 1,000 yards receiving three consecutive years ... Named to most of the All-America teams as a junior and a senior.*

RICE'S NFL HONORS: *All-Rookie — 1985; NFC Rookie-of-the-Year — 1985; NFC Offensive Rookie-of-the-Year — 1985; All-NFC — 1986-90; Pro Bowl — 1987-91; All-Pro — 1986-90;* Sports Illustrated's *Player-of-the-Year — 1986-87, 1990; NFL Player-of-the-Year — 1987, 1990;* The Sporting News *— NFL Player-of-the-Year — 1987, 1990; Len Eshmont Award — 1987; Super Bowl XXIII MVP — 1989.*



LARRY ROBERTS

91

DEFENSIVE END

HT: 6-3, WT: 275, BORN: 6-2-63
ALABAMA, 6TH YEAR

TACKLES			SACKS	INTERCEPTIONS	FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	NO./YDS.	REC./YDS.	G/S
126	88	38	18/162	0/0	2/0	65/25

PRO-FILE: *Tough, veteran defender ... Can play all down line positions ... Force in four-man pass rush.*

PERSONAL: *Born Larry Roberts in Dothan, AL ... Played football at Dothan Northview High ... Voted Player-of-the-Year as tight end/defensive end as a senior ... Single, lives in Redwood City, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Recorded 77 tackles in three years ... Played tight end as a freshman ... Recorded 25 tackles as a junior in '84, including three sacks (14 yards) ... Had 48 stops and three sacks (25 yards) as a senior in '85 ... Recorded career-high 10 tackles and one sack (seven yards) that year vs. Texas A&M ... Played in Senior Bowl.*

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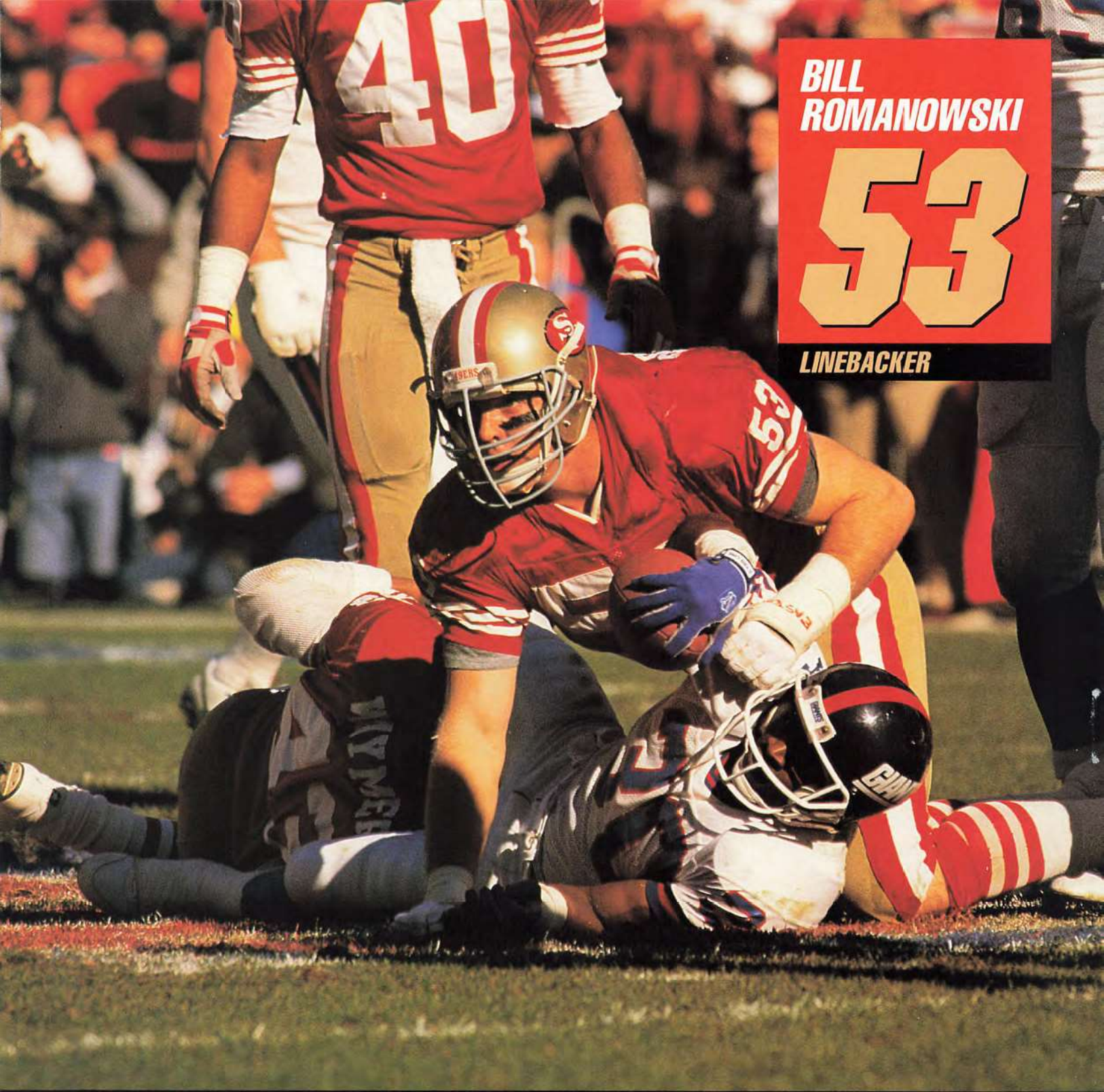


BILL ROMANOWSKI

53

LINEBACKER

HT: 6-4, WT: 231, BORN: 4-2-66
BOSTON COLLEGE, 4TH YEAR

TACKLES			SACKS	INTERCEPTIONS	FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	NO./YDS.	REC./YDS.	G/S
185	153	32	2/12	1/13	3/0	48/28

PRO-FILE: *Emerging talent ... Recognized as one of the team's big hitters ... Makes plays all over the field.*

PERSONAL: *Born William Thomas Romanowski in Vernon, CT ... Played football, basketball, and baseball at Vernon Rockville (CT) High ... Single, lives in Milpitas, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Among finalists for 1987 Butkus Award given annually to top linebacker in college ranks ... Led team as a senior with 156 tackles ... Defensive MVP of '85 Cotton Bowl with 13 tackles ... All-East and All-ECAC by* Football News *... Had at least seven tackles in every game and intercepted four passes for 44 yards as a junior in '86 ... Team leader with 150 tackles as a sophomore in '85 ...* Football News' *All-Sophomore team ... General management major.*

ROMANOWSKI'S NFL HONORS: *All-Rookie — 1988.*

JESSE SAPOLU

61

CENTER-GUARD

HT: 6-4, WT: 260, BORN: 3-10-61
HAWAII, 6TH YEAR

PRO-FILE: *Strong, fast athlete who provides team with flexibility in middle of offensive line ... Has played well at both guard and center.*

PERSONAL: *Born Manase Jesse Sapolu in Apia, Western Samoa ... Played football at Honolulu (HI) Farrington High ... Team captain and earned all-state honors ... Lettered in track, basketball, and wrestling, as well ... He and wife (Melanie Ann) have a daughter and two sons, and live in Moreno Valley, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Started three years at guard before moving to center as a senior ... Named freshman All-America in '79 ... Was the only sophomore selected All-WAC in 1980 ... Also All-West Coast and honorable mention All-America in '80 ... All-WAC in '81 and honorable mention All-WAC in '82 ... Hawaii's Co-MVP and tri-captain as a senior ... Played in the Hula and Japan Bowls.*

MIKE SHERRARD

88

WIDE RECEIVER

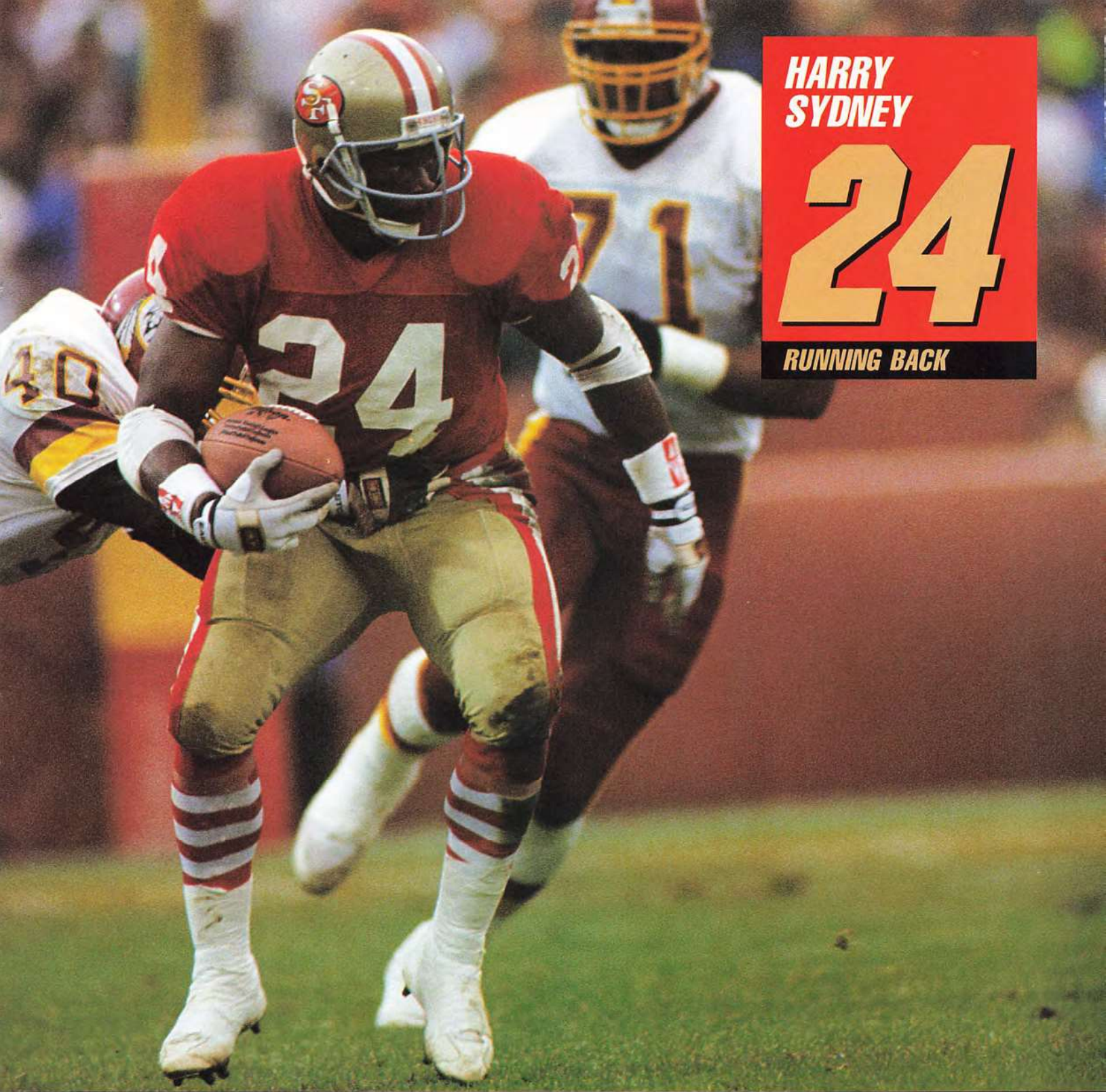
HT: 6-2, WT: 187, BORN: 6-21-63
UCLA, 3RD YEAR

RECEIVING					RUSHING				
NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	G/S
58	1008	17.4	68t	7	2	11	5.5	8	0	23/6

PRO-FILE: *Determined, courageous player ... Has made full comeback following two and one-half year absence due to injuries ... Has retained speed and agility.*

PERSONAL: *Born Michael Watson Sherrard in Oakland, CA ... Was raised in Chico (CA), where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball, and track ... Mother (Cherie) ran 100-meter hurdles in 1964 Olympics ... Cousin is Darrell Green, cornerback for Washington Redskins ... Single, lives in Santa Clara, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Began career at UCLA as a walk-on freshman ... But by conclusion of senior season he had established school records for receptions (124) and receiving yards (1,937) in a career, and holds the school record for catches in a single season (48 in '83) ... Played in Hula Bowl.*



HARRY SYDNEY

24

RUNNING BACK

HT: 6-0, WT: 217, BORN: 6-26-59
KANSAS, 5TH YEAR

	RUSHING					RECEIVING					KICKOFF RETURNS					TACKLES					
	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	TOT.	SOLO	AST.	FUM. REC.	G/S
	564	2615	4.6	45	27	125	1109	8.9	56t	5	25	362	14.5	30	0	62	41	21	0	102/44

PRO-FILE: *Valuable, resourceful player ... Brings determined, hard-nosed attitude to play from scrimmage and on special teams.*

PERSONAL: *Born Harry Flanroy Sydney III in Fayetteville, NC ... All-state performer in both football and basketball at Seventy-First High ... He and his wife (Nancy) have three sons, and live in Sunnyvale, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Played as wishbone quarterback at Kansas ... Moved to running back before junior season and earned All-Big Eight honors at that spot ... Team captain during senior season.*

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JOHN TAYLOR

82

WIDE RECEIVER

HT: 6-1, WT: 185, BORN: 3-31-62
DELAWARE STATE, 5TH YEAR

	RECEIVING					PUNT RETURNS					KICKOFF RETURNS					
	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	G/S
	132	2301	17.4	95t	19	107	1194	11.2	95t	2	14	276	19.7	29	0	53/35

PRO-FILE: *Exceptionally talented performer ... Makes spectacular plays appear routine ... Dazzling runner after the catch ... A constant threat to break game open on a long play ... Simply put, he makes things happen.*

PERSONAL: *Born John Gregory Taylor in Pennsauken, NJ ... Played football and ran track at Pennsauken High ... Standout performer on the 49ers' offseason basketball team ... Also an avid bowler (205 average) ... He and his wife (Elayne) live in the Redwood Shores area of Redwood City, CA.*

COLLEGE: *All-MEAC each of his three starting seasons (1983-85) ... Totaled 2,426 receiving yards and 33 touchdowns on 100 career receptions ... Also scored four touchdowns and accounted for 339 rushing yards ... Returned 48 punts and 14 kickoffs in four seasons ... Broke four punts for TDs ... Established career highs with 40 receptions, 922 yards, and 13 scores, while averaging 23.1 yards per catch in '85 ... Had 11 touchdowns as a junior in '84 ... Recorded personal-best 29.7 yards-per-catch average on 22 catches in '83.*

TAYLOR'S NFL HONORS: *Pro Bowl — 1989-90; All-NFC 1988; All-NFL — 1988; Silver Anniversary Super Bowl Team — 1990.*

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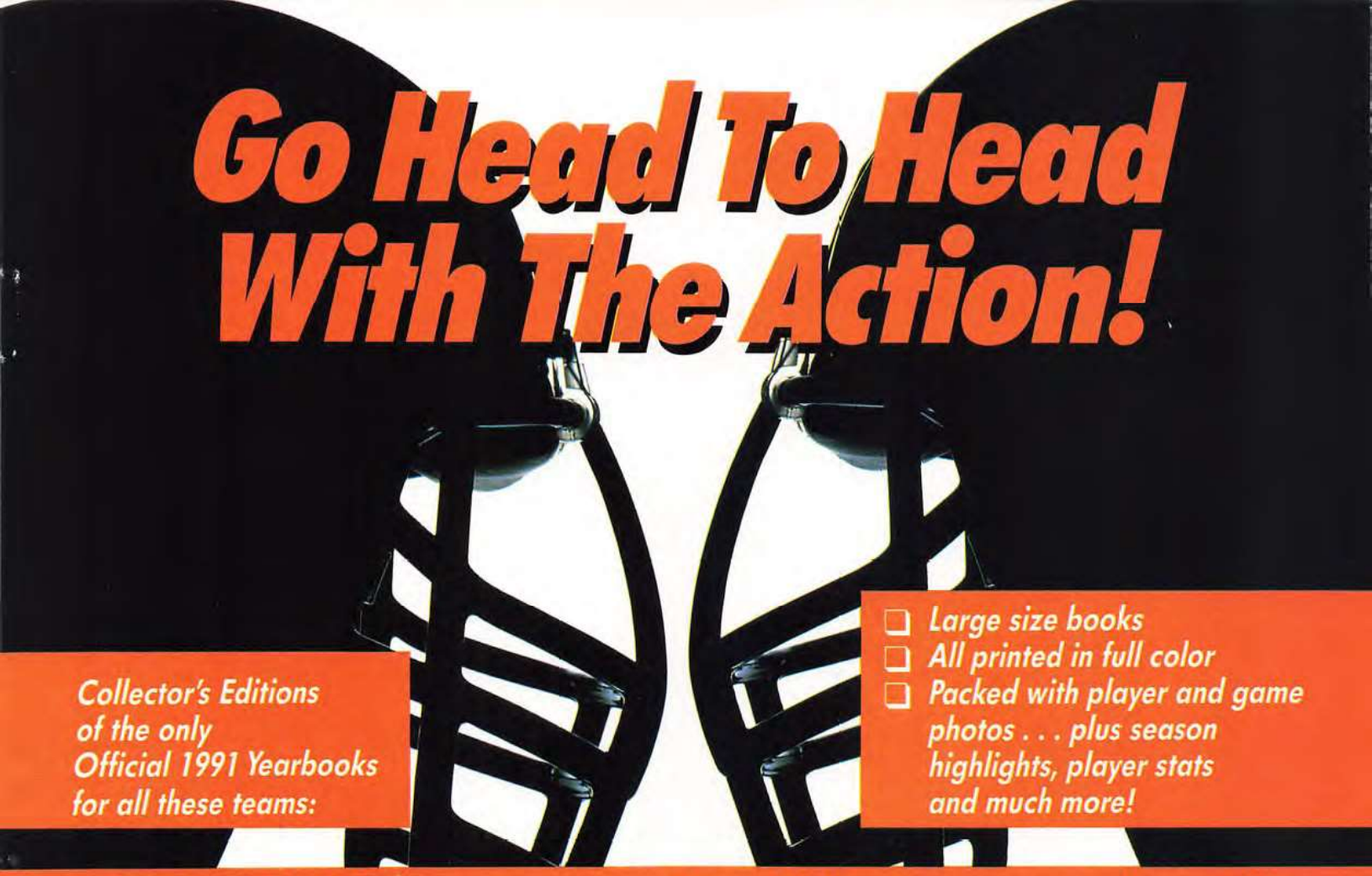

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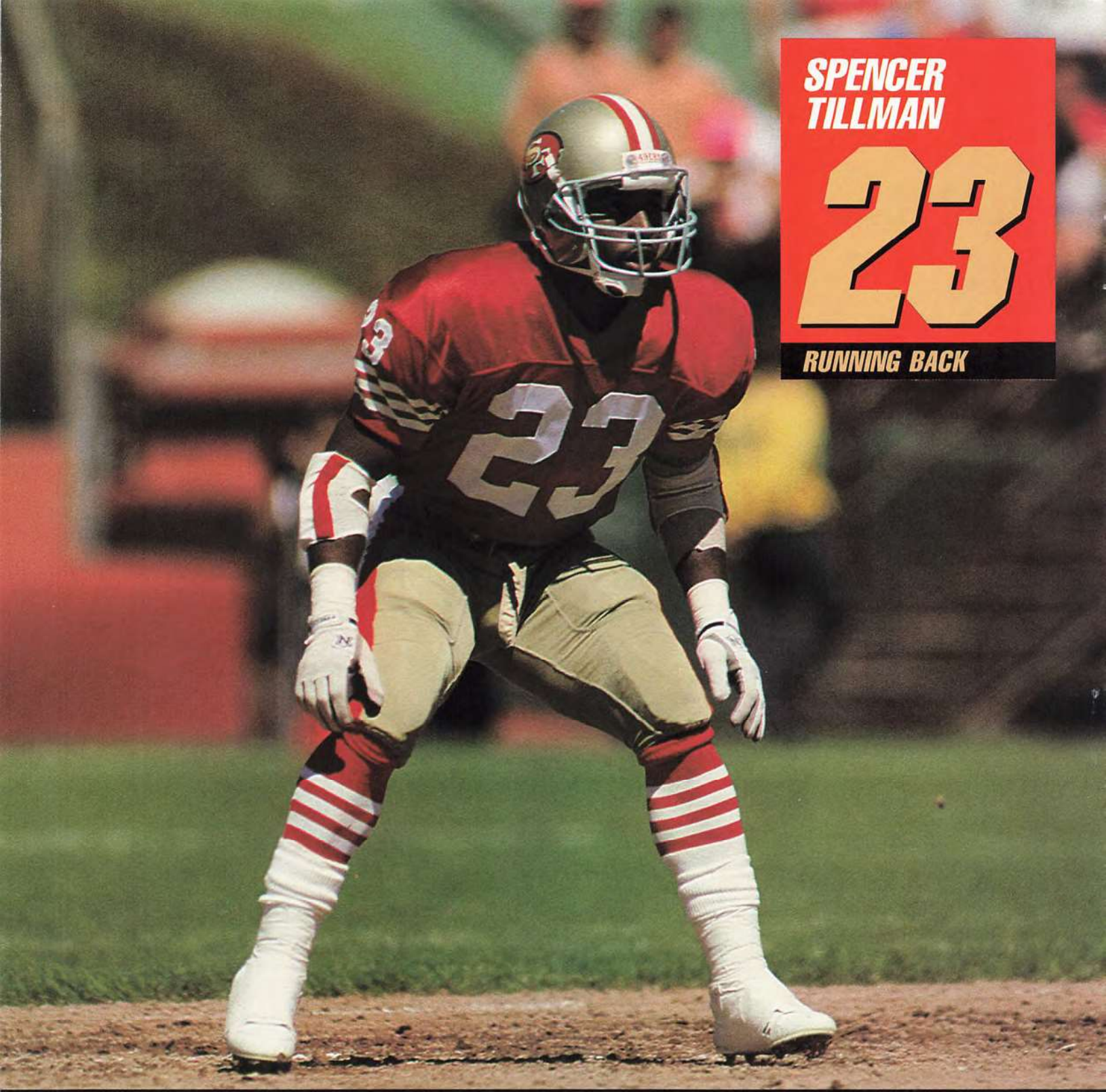


SPENCER TILLMAN

23

RUNNING BACK

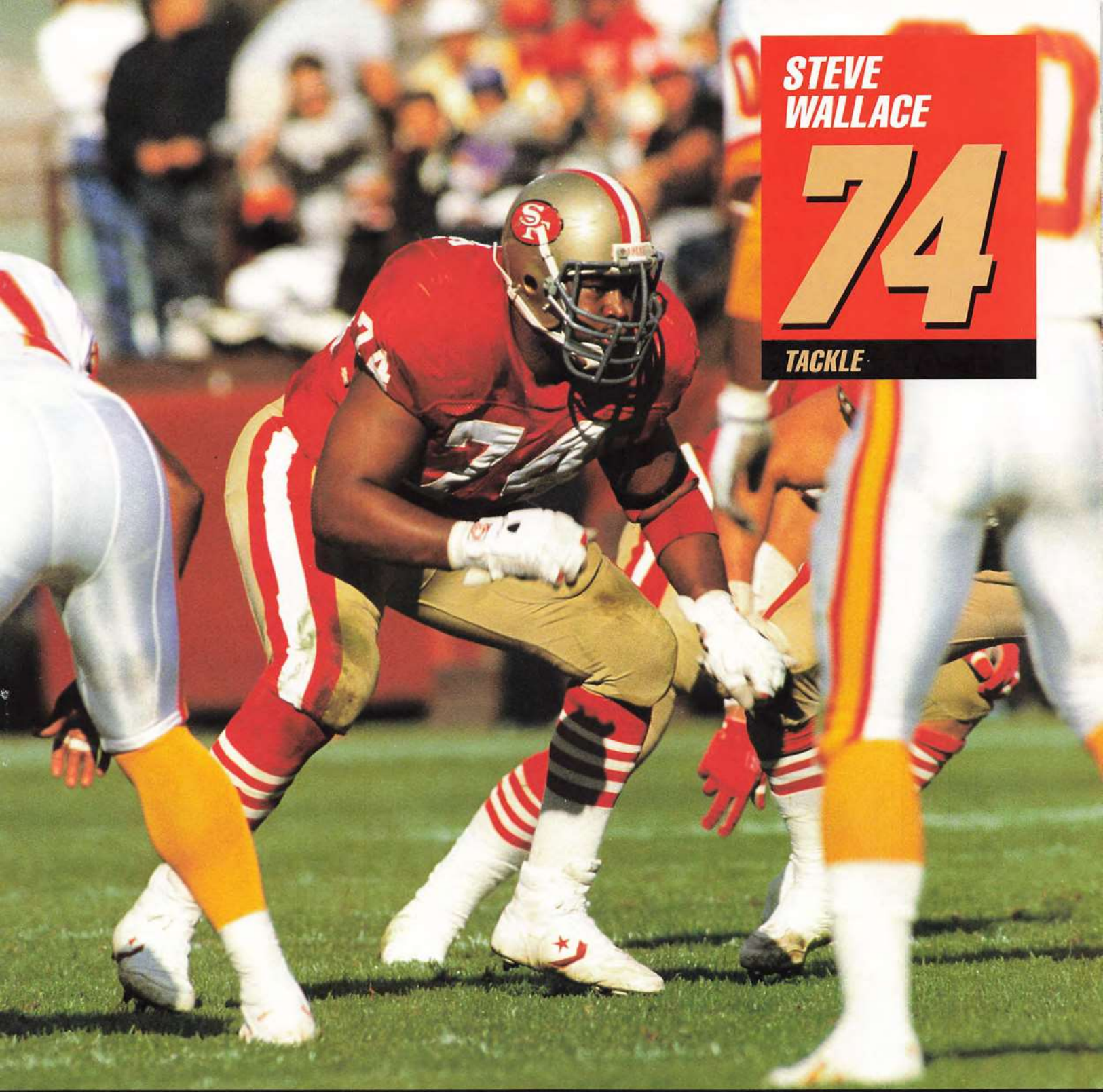
HT: 5-11, WT: 206, BORN: 4-21-64
OKLAHOMA, 5TH YEAR

RUSHING					RECEIVING					
ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	G/S
15	34	2.2	13	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	52/1

PRO-FILE: *Welcome addition to 49ers in '89 ... Maximum effort and intensity in both game and practice situations ... Able runner, return specialist ... Demon special teams performer ... Strong leadership qualities.*

PERSONAL: *Born Spencer Allen Tillman in Tulsa, OK ... Competed in football, baseball, and track at Edison High ... Spends offseason working for KPRC-TV (Houston's NBC affiliate) as a full-time reporter and part-time anchor for sports department ... Received national attention in '87, when (as a passenger) he saved the life of a cab driver who had an apparent heart attack while traveling at 70 MPH ... He and wife (Rita) have a daughter and reside in Houston, TX.*

COLLEGE: *Four-year letterman for Sooners ... Only true-freshman in Oklahoma history to rush for more than 1,000 yards ... Hampered by injuries during sophomore and junior seasons, limiting play both years ... Honorable mention All-Big Eight as a senior, after averaging 6.5 yards on 80 rushing attempts ... Finished career with 2,257 rushing yards and 21 total touchdowns.*



STEVE WALLACE

74

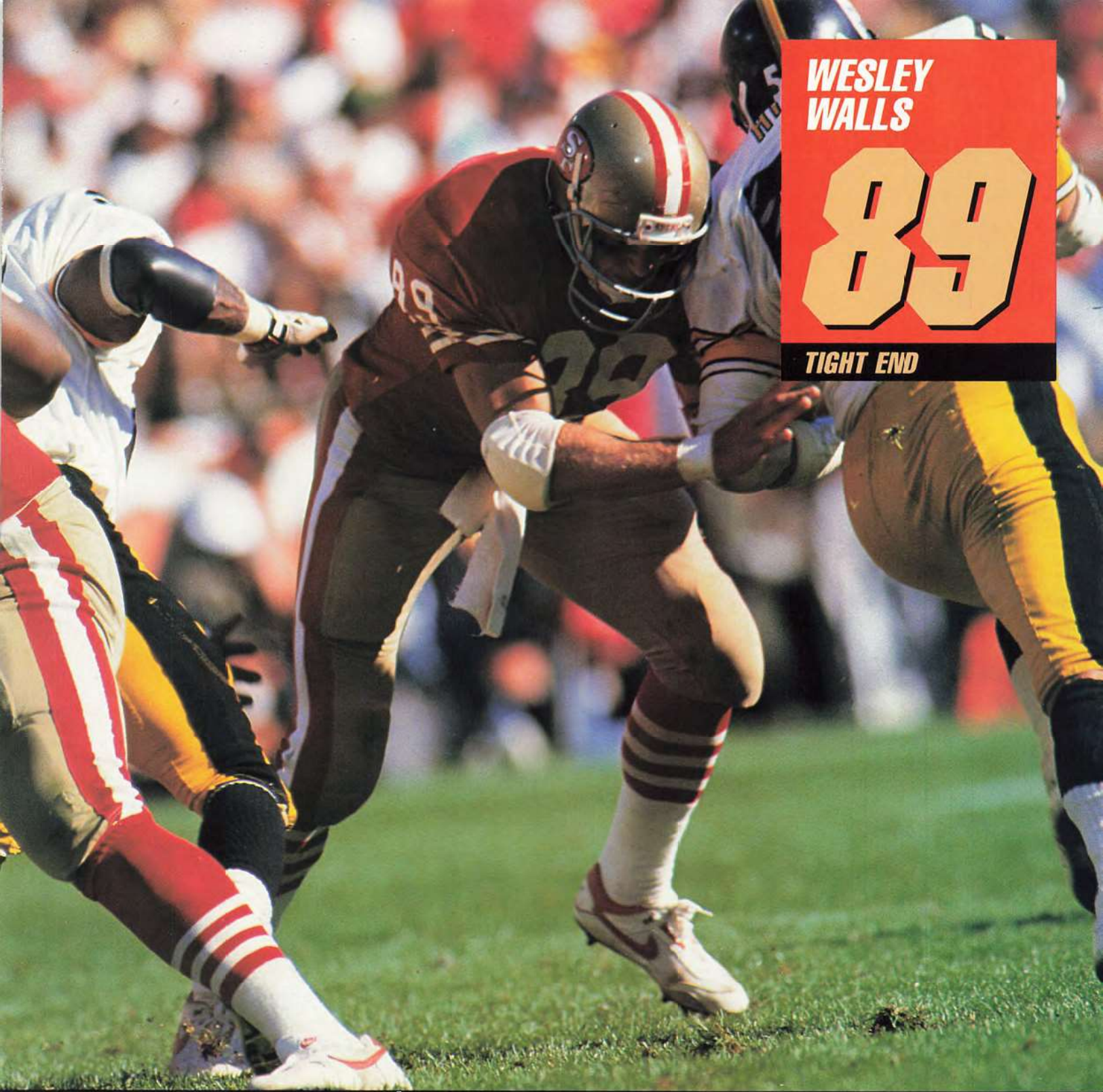
TACKLE

HT: 6-5, WT: 276, BORN: 12-27-64
AUBURN, 6TH YEAR

PRO-FILE: *Menacing, tenacious warrior ... Mentally tough, combative player ... Can demoralize opponents ... Works hard to refine techniques.*

PERSONAL: *Born Barron Steven Wallace in Atlanta, GA ... Attended Atlanta Chamblee High ... Co-owner of "Paul Gaines Fitness," an exercise equipment store in nearby Monterey, CA ... He and his wife (Vassar) live in San Jose, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Started 17 consecutive games from '82 until suffering right knee injury in sixth game of '84 season ... Missed conclusion of that campaign, but rebounded to start all games as a senior in '85 ... All-SEC as a senior ... Blocked for '85 Heisman award winner Bo Jackson.*



WESLEY WALLS

89

TIGHT END

HT: 6-5, WT: 246, BORN: 3-26-66
MISSISSIPPI, 3RD YEAR

RECEIVING

NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	G/S
9	43	4.8	11	1	32/0

PRO-FILE: *Intriguing young talent ... Vast potential ... Rare size/speed combination ... Willing, versatile performer ... Still learning finer techniques of position.*

PERSONAL: *Born Charles Wesley Walls in Batesville, MS ... Unanimous all-state choice at Pontotoc (MS) High ... Rushed for 1,153 yards and 11 touchdowns as a fullback his senior year ... Played his first three seasons ... Lettered in basketball, baseball, and track ... He and his wife (Christy) had their first child last November ... They live in Santa Clara, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Moved to tight end his senior year and quickly became one of the best in nation ... AP All-America and All-Southeastern Conference at tight end as a senior ... Finished second on the team in '88 with 36 receptions for 426 yards (11.8 average) and three TDs ... Started season opener against Memphis State at TE and LB ... Academic All-SEC selection as a junior, when he started seven games at left defensive end ... Started every regular season game and Independence Bowl as DE in 1986 ... Engineering major.*

MIKE WALTER

99

LINEBACKER

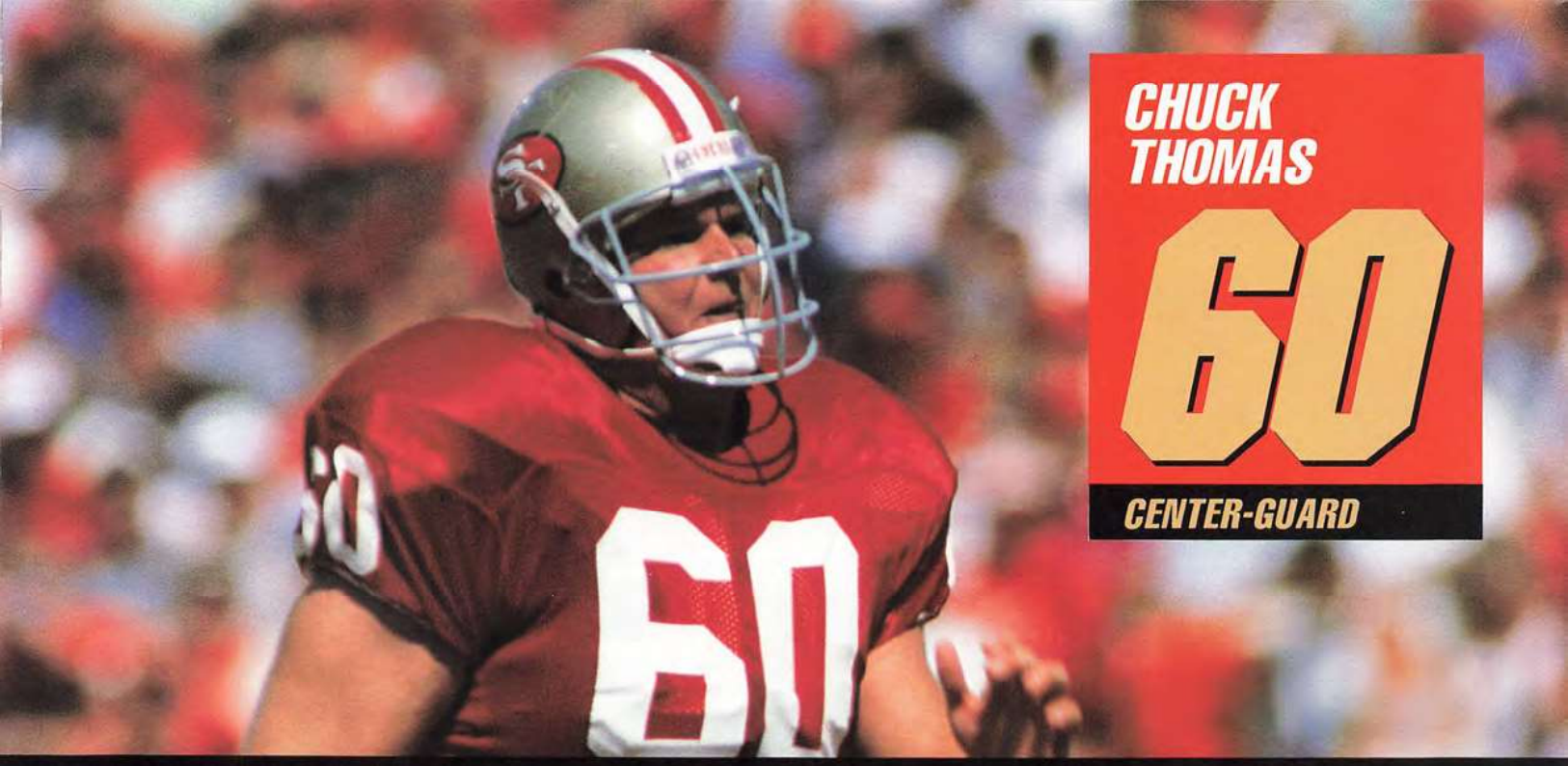
HT: 6-3, WT: 238, BORN: 11-3-60
OREGON, 9TH YEAR

TACKLES			SACKS	INTERCEPTIONS	FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	NO./YDS.	REC./YDS.	G/S
476	332	144	7/65.5	2/16	4/0	108/63

PRO-FILE: *High-achieving, diligent performer ... Extremely durable ... Mainstay in defensive front seven ... Student of the game ... Unselfish team player ... Sets standard for attitude and effort.*

PERSONAL: *Born Michael David Walter in Eugene, OR ... Played football and basketball for Eugene Sheldon High ... Team's United Way spokesman for 1990 ... He and wife (Toni) have two daughters ... They live in Tualatin, OR.*

COLLEGE: *Three-year starter at defensive end ... Played in 44 consecutive games ... Captain and MVP for the Ducks as a senior ...* Team leader *in tackles and sacks in both junior and senior seasons ... All-Pac 10 and honorable mention All-America as a senior ... Earned degree in telecommunications in 1984.*



CHUCK THOMAS

60

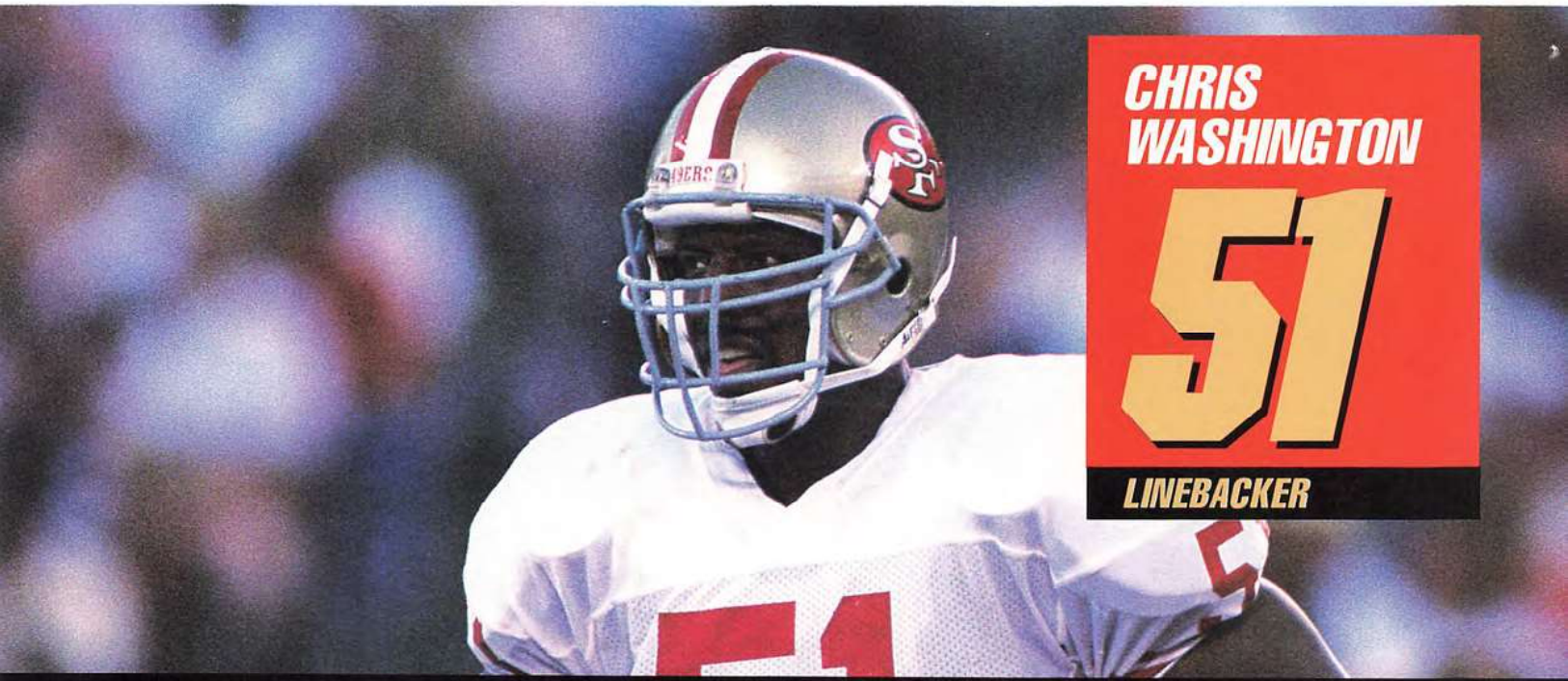
CENTER-GUARD

HT: 6-3, WT: 280, BORN: 12-24-60
OKLAHOMA, 5TH YEAR

PRO-FILE: *Valued utility performer ... Steady long-snapper for punts and placements ... Skilled blocker.*

PERSONAL: *Born Chuck Gene Thomas in Houston, TX ... Attended Houston Stratford High ... He and his wife (Heather) live in Santa Clara, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Three-year starter and letterman ... All-Big Eight in 1983 ... Majored in communications.*



CHRIS WASHINGTON

51

LINEBACKER

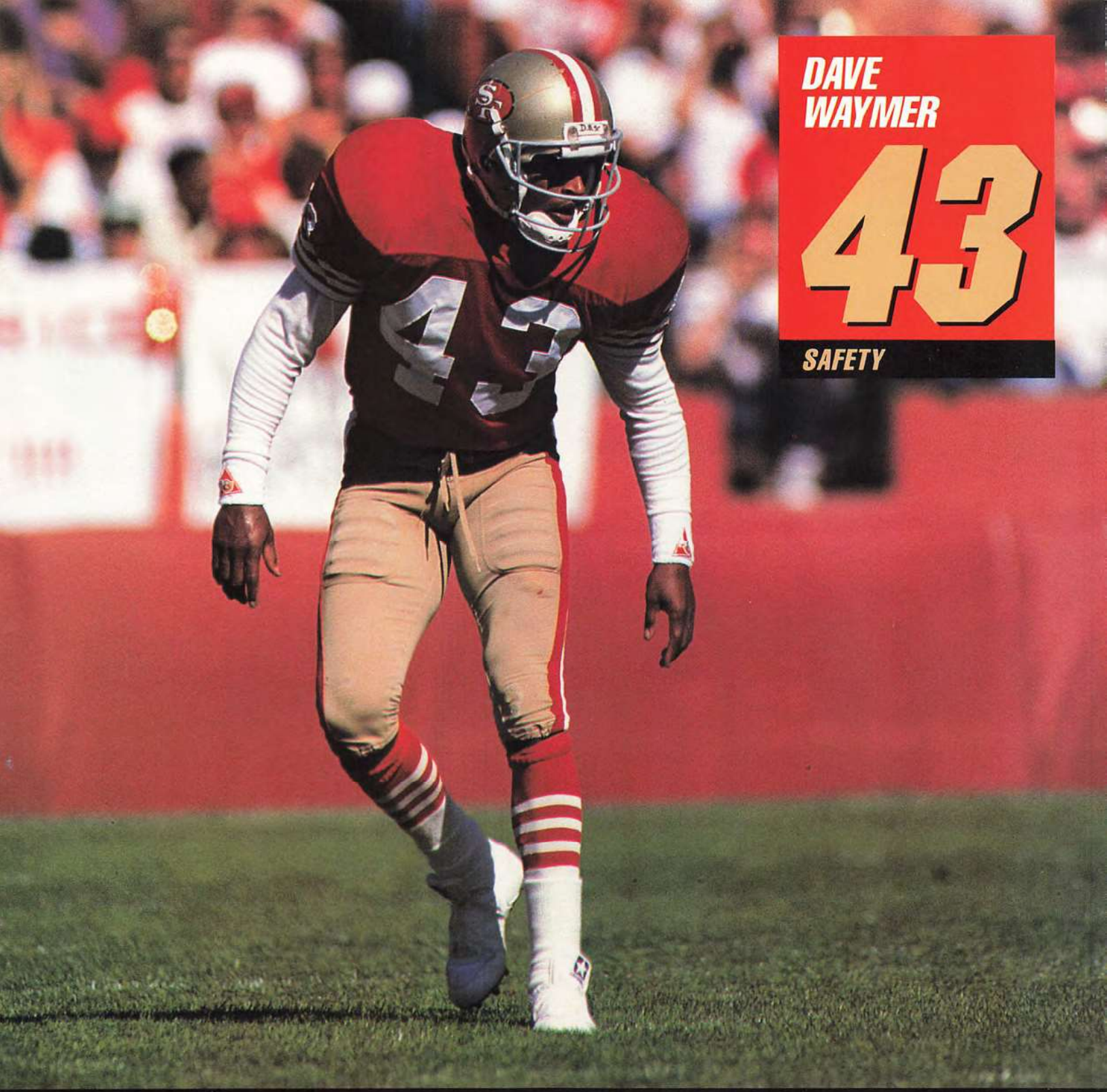
HT: 6-4, WT: 240, BORN: 3-6-62
IOWA STATE, 7TH YEAR

TACKLES			SACKS	INTERCEPTIONS	FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	NO./YDS.	REC./YDS.	G/S
327	NA	NA	18.5/NA	1/12	3/0	84/52

PRO-FILE: *Physically impressive specimen ... Can play right or left outside linebacker ... Hard-working athlete who is eager to show his ability.*

PERSONAL: *Born Chris Washington in Jackson, MS ... Played football at Chicago (IL) Julian High ... Holds brown belt in karate ... He and his wife (high school sweetheart — Sharon) have two daughters.*

COLLEGE: *Three-year starter at Iowa State ...* Team leader *in tackles (134) as a senior ...* Conference leader *in tackles during junior year ... Second team All-Big Eight selection in junior and senior campaigns ... Earned degree in restaurant and hotel management.*



DAVE WAYMER

43

SAFETY

HT: 6-1, WT: 188, BORN: 7-1-58
NOTRE DAME, 12TH YEAR

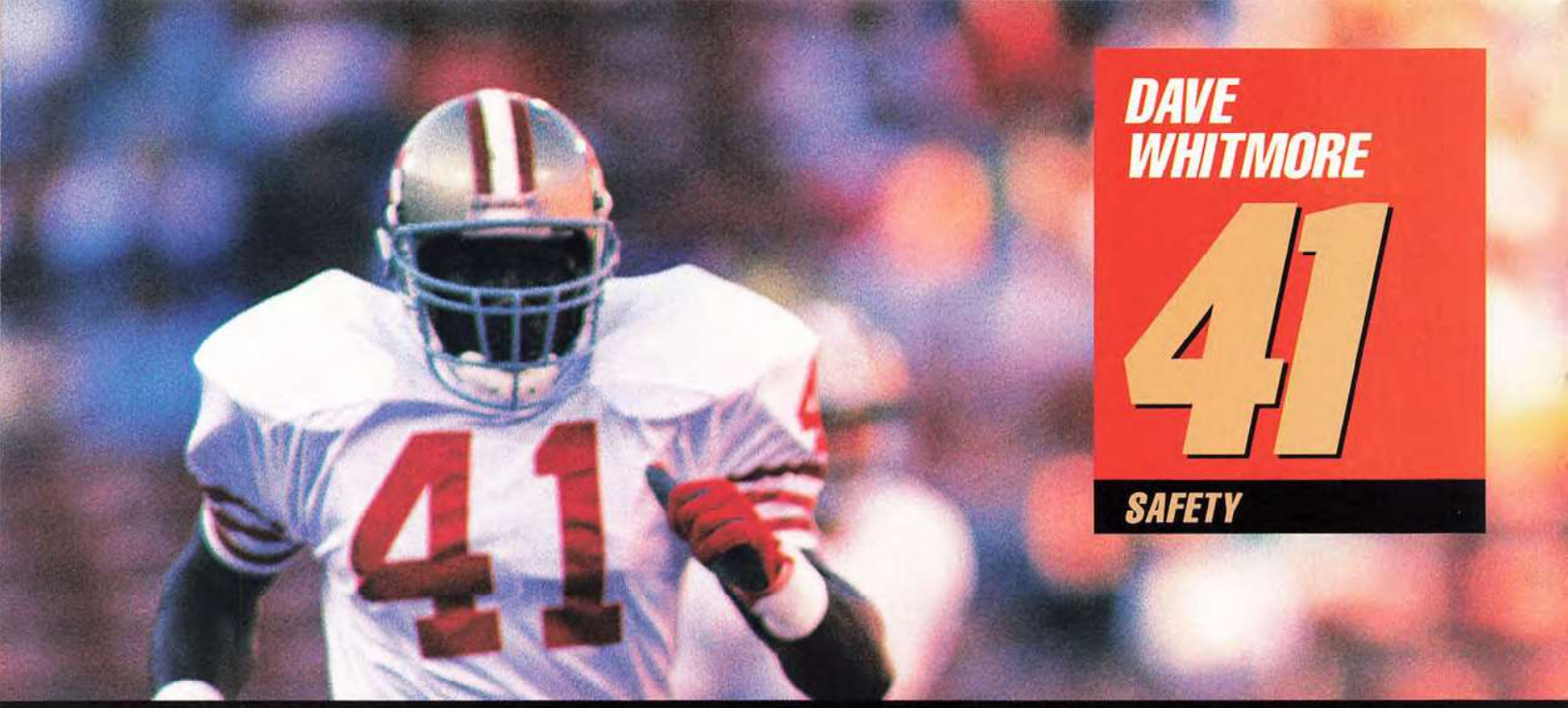
TACKLES			INTERCEPTIONS		FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	PASS DEF.	REC./YDS.	G/S
562	411	151	44/459	225	15/0	165/140

PRO-FILE: *Versatile, durable veteran defensive back who can play both safety and cornerback ... Signed as a free agent during '90 offseason.*

PERSONAL: *Born David Benjamin Waymer, Jr. in Brooklyn, NY ... Attended West Charlotte (North Carolina) High ... He and his wife (Barbara Jean) live in Mooresville, NC.*

COLLEGE: *Four-year letterman at Notre Dame ... Played flanker as a sophomore before moving to cornerback in junior year ... Set school record with two interceptions for TD's vs. Miami in 1979 ... Played in Gator Bowl, two Cotton Bowls, and Hula Bowl ... Was a member, along with 49ers' teammate Joe Montana, of Notre Dame's national championship team of 1978 ... Earned a degree in economics.*

WAYMER'S NFL HONORS: *Pro Bowl — 1987.*



DAVE WHITMORE

41

SAFETY

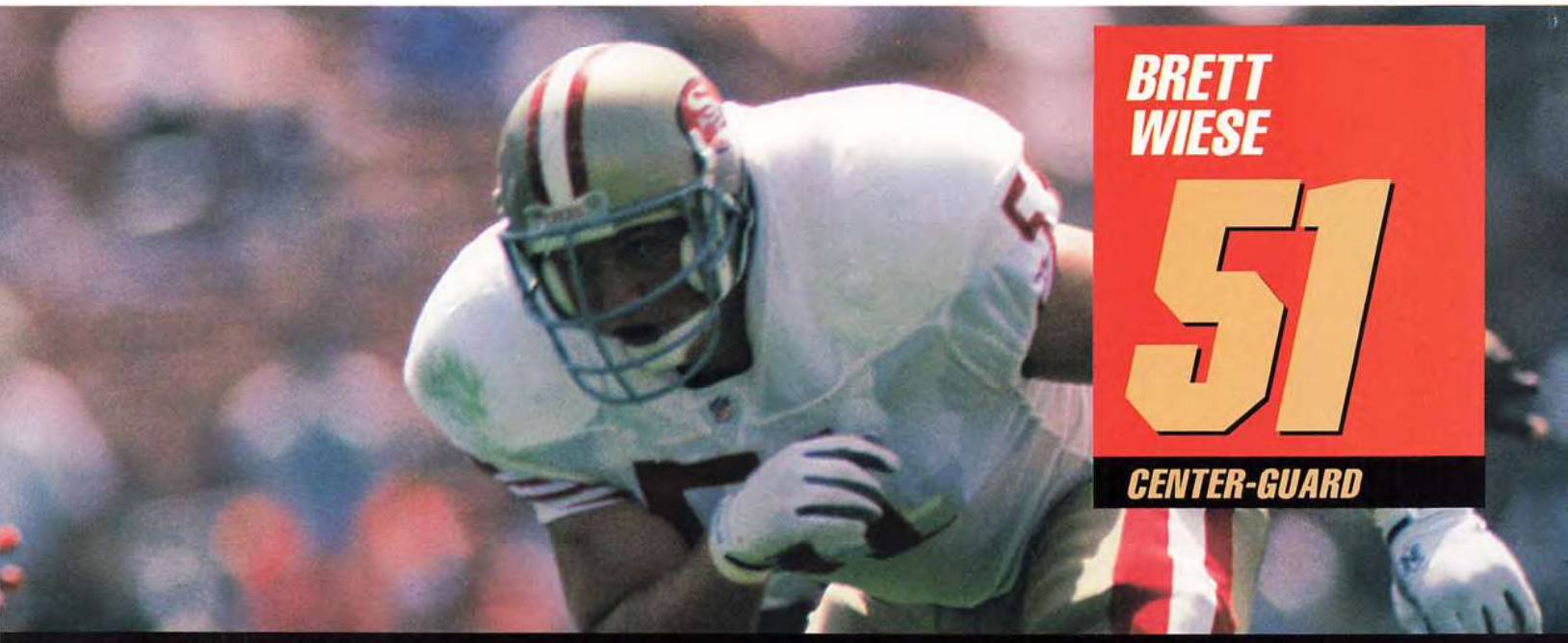
HT: 6-1, WT: 235, BORN: 7-6-67
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN, 2ND YEAR

TACKLES			SACKS	INTERCEPTIONS	FUMBLES	
TOT.	SOLO	AST.	NO./YDS.	NO./YDS.	REC./YDS.	G/S
19	18	1	0/0	0/0	0/0	16/0

PRO-FILE: *Hulking, yet fast secondary defender ... Youthful, developing talent with loads of potential ... Should add depth and competition to defense ... Signed by Niners as a Plan B free agent.*

PERSONAL: *Born David L. Whitmore in Daingerfield, TX ... Played football and participated in wrestling, basketball, and track at Daingerfield High ... Football team won the state 3-A title three of his four years ... Single, lives in Sunnyvale, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Completed four-year career with 359 total tackles, 14 interceptions, and six sacks ... All-America as a senior in '89 after recording 100 tackles and four interceptions ... Played in Senior Bowl ... All-Southland Conference in '88 when he registered ten-or-more tackles in four games ... Played first full season at safety in '87 following switch from linebacker ... Recruited as a fullback but moved to defense as a freshman in '86 ... Needs four hours to complete degree in criminal justice.*



BRETT WIESE

51

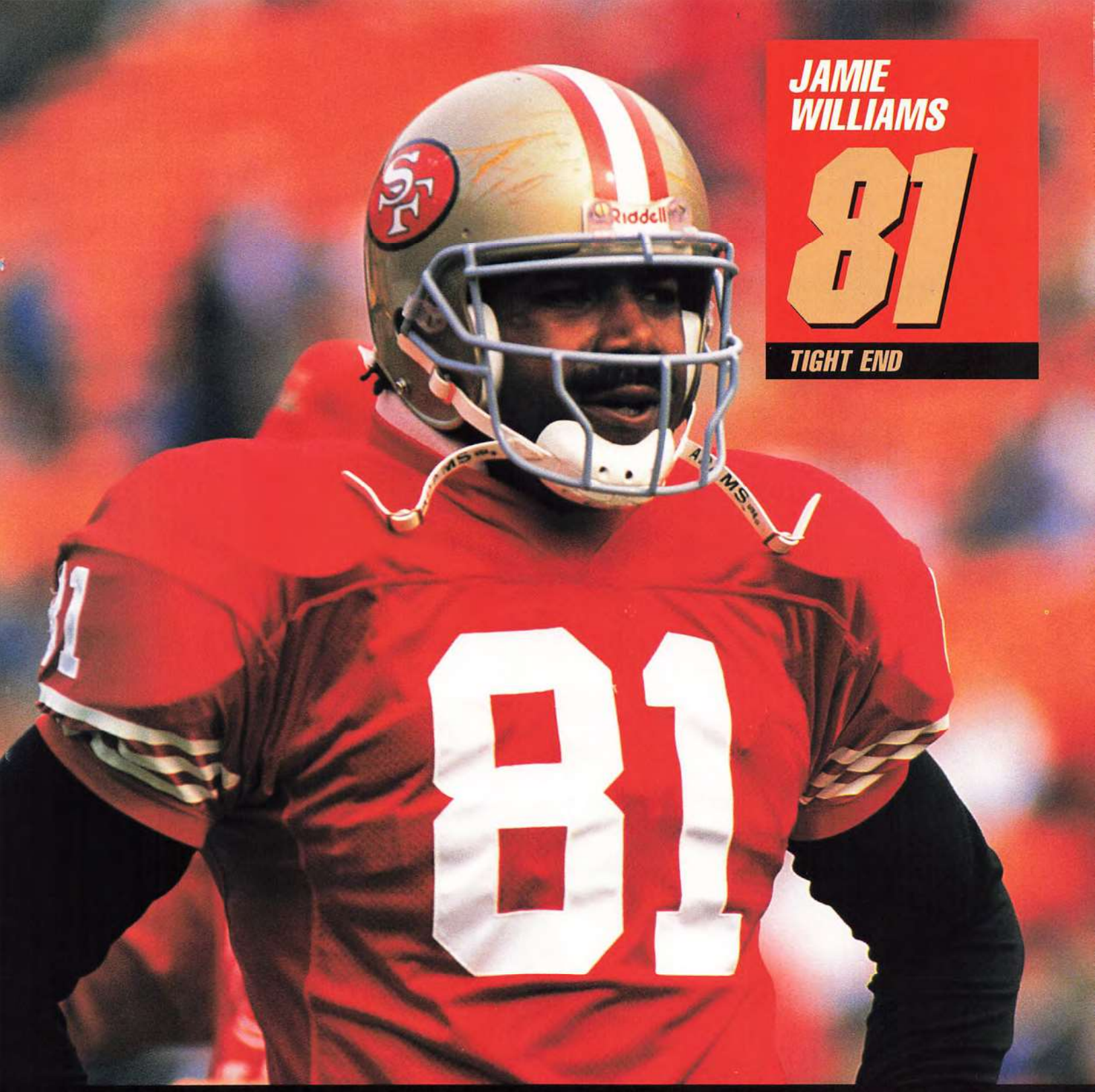
CENTER-GUARD

HT: 6-4, WT: 280, BORN: 8-6-56
WASHINGTON, 1ST YEAR

PRO-FILE: *Young, developing offensive lineman ... Can play either center, guard or tackle.*

PERSONAL: *Born Brett Nathan Wiese in Arcadia, CA ... Lettered in football and wrestling at Issaquah (WA) High School ... Played offensive and defensive tackle for a team which advanced to state playoffs ... All-America ... All-King County offensively and defensively ...* The Sporting News *"Top 100" prep prospects ... Graduated with a 3.65 GPA ... Member of National Honor Society and Who's Who among High School Students ... Single, lives in Issaquah, WA.*

COLLEGE: *Four-year letterman for Washington ... Three-year starter for the Huskies ... Was a redshirt freshman on Orange Bowl team that went 11-1 in '84 ... Majored in political science.*



JAMIE WILLIAMS

81

TIGHT END

HT: 6-4, WT: 245, BORN: 2-25-60
NEBRASKA, 9TH YEAR

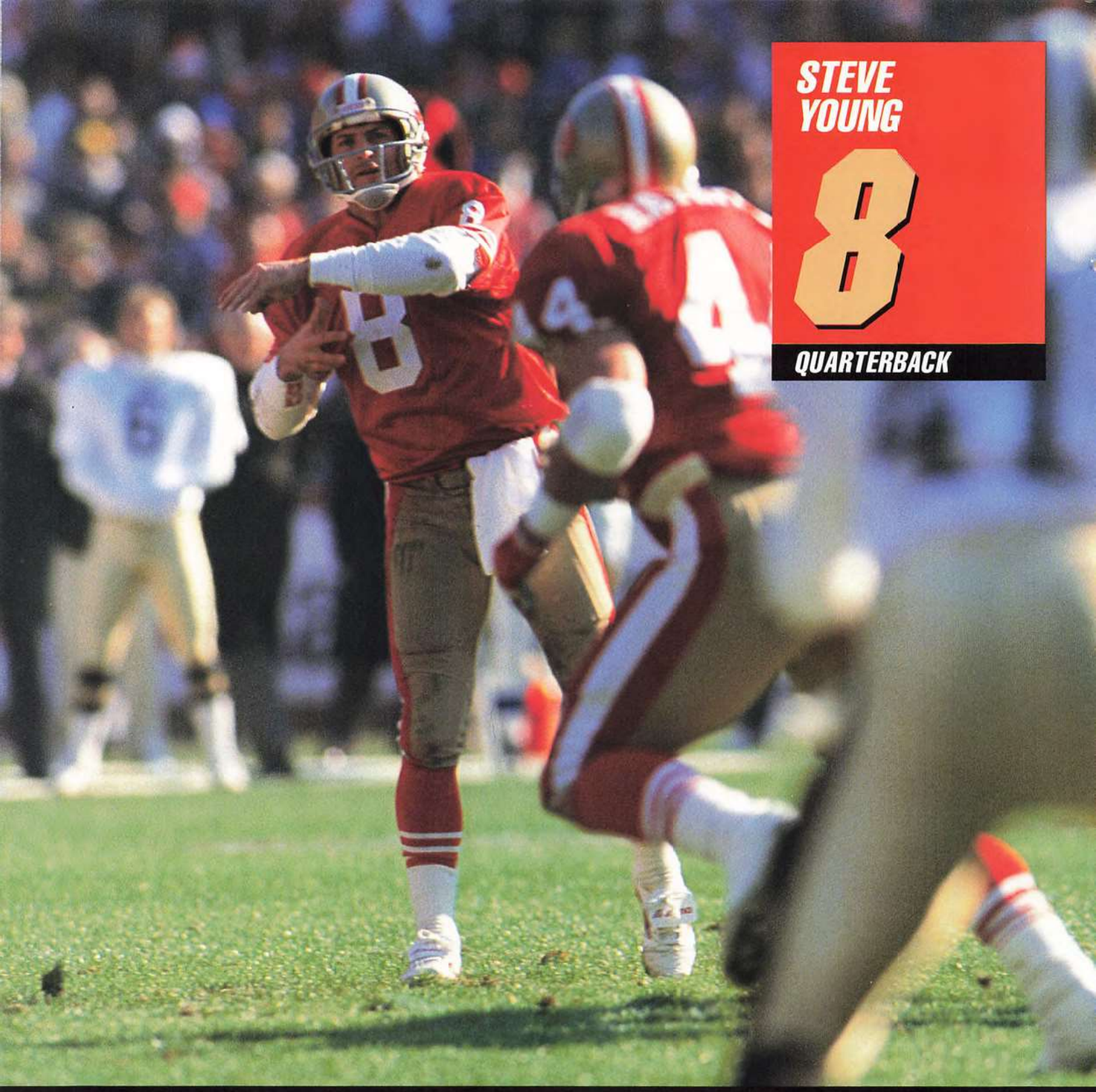
RECEIVING

NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	G/S
133	1512	11.4	33	8	99/76

PRO-FILE: *Tough, persistent blocker ... Able pass receiver ... Vital physical presence ... Scrappy veteran.*

PERSONAL: *Born Jamie Earl Williams in Vero Beach, FL ... Grew up in Davenport, IA ... Played football with former Niners' RB Roger Craig at Davenport High ... Often makes anti-crime and anti-drug speeches to children's groups ... Pursuing acting career in television or movies during offseason ... He and his wife (Charlotte) have homes in Houston, TX, and Redwood City, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Selected All-Big Eight and honorable mention All-America as a senior in '82 ... Played in Hula, Senior, and Japan Bowls to conclude collegiate career ... First all-conference selection came as a junior in '81 ... Majored in broadcasting and speech communications ... Roomed with former 49ers' running back Roger Craig at Nebraska.*



STEVE YOUNG

8

QUARTERBACK

HT: 6-2, WT: 200, BORN: 10-11-61
BRIGHAM YOUNG, 6TH YEAR

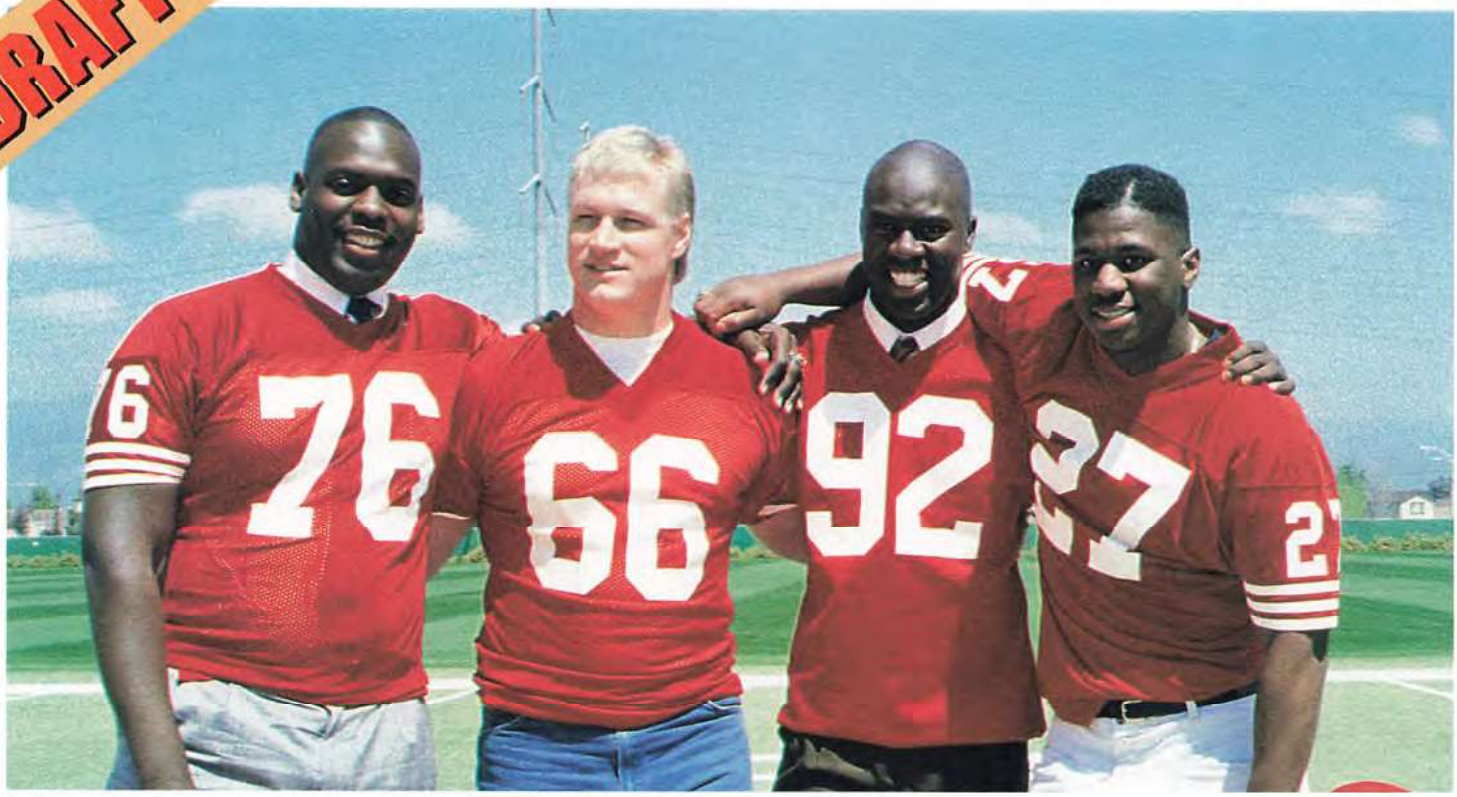
PASSING							RUSHING					
ATT.	COMP.	YDS.	PCT.	INT.	LONG	TD	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TD	G/S
1385	776	9997	.560	49	81t	50	355	2200	6.2	49t	19	79/54

PRO-FILE: *Invaluable player in overall team mix ... Presence makes 49ers' quarterback position strongest in League ... Extremely capable field leader ... Precise passer ... Clever open-field runner ... Has delivered time and again in crucial situations.*

PERSONAL: *Born Steven Young in Salt Lake City, UT ... Attended Greenwich (CT) High ... Great-great-great grandson of Brigham Young ... Attends law school at BYU during the offseason ... Single, lives in Palo Alto, CA.*

COLLEGE: *Consensus All-America in '83 ... Heisman Trophy runner-up to Nebraska's Mike Rozier in 1983 ... Completed .713 percent (306-of-429 for 3,902 yards and 33 TDs) of his passes as a senior ... Then-highest single season percentage in NCAA history ... BYU won 11 of 12 games (including Holiday Bowl over Missouri) in Young's senior campaign ('83), as he passed for over 300 yards in all but two contests.*

(Left to right) Jim Gruden, Vinny Cerrato, Ernie Plank, Billy Atkins, Billy Wilson, Allan Webb, Tony Razzano, Neil Schmidt, Bob Whitman.



(Left to right) Top draft choices Ted Washington, Mitch Donahue, John Johnson, and Ricky Waters.

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ROUND	ROUND/ OVERALL	DETAILS
1	(26/26)	***WASHINGTON, Ted — NT/DE, 6-4, 299, Louisville***
2A	(18/45)	***WATTERS, Ricky — RB, 6-1, 212, Notre Dame*** *[Choice from Cincinnati — 1991 draft day trade with Bengals that sent the 49ers' No. 2 (53rd overall from Miami) and No. 4 (110th overall) picks in 1991 to Cincinnati for Bengals' No. 2 (45th overall) in 1991.]*
2B	(25/53)	*Choice to Cincinnati (from Miami, 1990 — Tim McKyer trade) — Via above trade*
2C	(26/54)	***JOHNSON, John — LB, 6-3, 230, Clemson***
3	(26/82)	*Choice to Green Bay — 1991 draft day trade that sent 49ers' No. 3 (82nd overall) pick in 1991 for Packers' No. 4 (96th overall) and No. 5 (123rd overall) picks in 1991.*
4A	(12/96)	***DONAHUE, Mitch — LB, 6-2, 254, Wyoming*** *[Choice from Green Bay — Via above trade]*
4B	(26/110)	*Choice to Cincinnati — Via above trade*
5A	(11/123)	***HANKS, Merton — CB, 6-2, 185, Iowa*** *Choice from Green Bay — Via above trade*
5B	(26/138)	***BOATSWAIN, Harry — T, 6-4, 295, New Haven***
6	(26/166)	***BOWLES, Scott — T, 6-5, 280, North Texas***
7	(26/194)	***CANLEY, Sheldon — RB, 5-9, 195, San Jose State***
8	(26/222)	***HARGAIN, Tony — WR, 6-0, 188, Oregon***
9	(26/250)	***RIDDICK, Louis — S, 6-2, 217, Pittsburgh***
10	(26/278)	***HOLDBROOKS, Byron — NT/DE, 6-5, 280, Alabama***
11	(26/306)	***SLAUGHTER, Bobby — WR, 5-11, 171, Louisiana Tech***
12	(26/334)	***CONFER, Cliff — DE, 6-3, 270, Michigan State***

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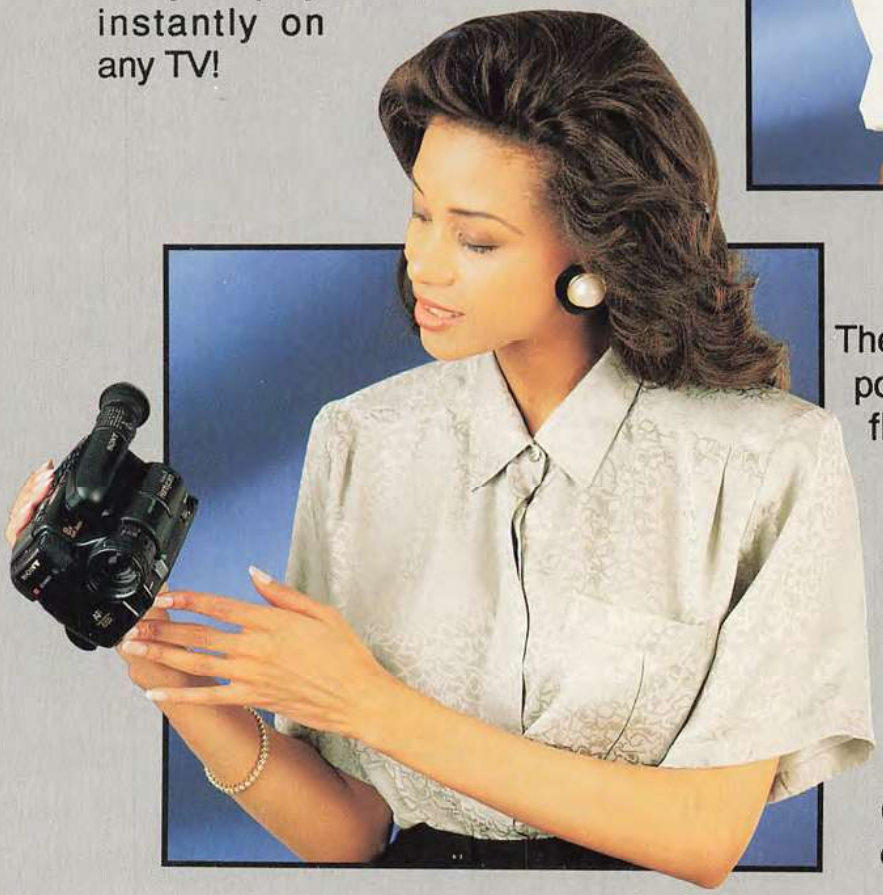

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